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Walsgrave Academy Uniform Policy

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Introduction

At Walsgrave Academy, our vision is, "The tree that stands proud and strong. Planted in rich soil, our roots provide the safety so that we can all grow: the branches give the strength to weather whatever the seasons bring. Each unique leaf has the chance to thrive, adding to the beauty and wonder of the tree. Animals scurry, jump and explore, learning every day and having fun. Even the biggest tree needs the warmth and light of the sun, the rain from above and new leaves to grow each year. We are all part of God's plan. The roots, the branches and the animals are all called together so we can all flourish and make Walsgrave stand strong"

'Together we Thrive'

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Jeremiah 29:11

Assessment of Policy's Impact

The effectiveness of this policy and its impact will be assessed by the Senior Leadership Team who will monitor the outcomes and impact of this policy annually. The evidence base for assessment will be presented as agenda items at the Local Governor Committee meetings as required.

1. School Uniform

Walsgrave Academy expects high standards in dress and appearance. Our insistence on correct uniform is based on these reasons:

1. To present a smart appearance for the public identity of our pupils and enabling them to demonstrate a pride in their appearance and our school
2. To create cohesion and a sense of equality
3. With their school colours on, children can be immediately recognised

We are insistent that all rules about the uniform must be followed explicitly. Pupils are expected to maintain a clean, smart appearance. All items are readily available from the recognised school outfitters.

These are the official school outfitters. Jumpers, cardigans, skirts, trousers and PE kit, can be purchased from one or some of the following suppliers.

1. Andy Blair Sports & Schoolwear Suppliers 88-90 Barkers Butts Lane, Coundon
Coventry CV6 1DY 024 76598080 andyblairsports@yahoo.co.uk
2. Cat Ballou Originals Ltd 1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN 024 76555499
www.catballou.co.uk

Uniform, without the school logo, can also be purchased from supermarkets and if you wish, you can purchase iron on logos for £2 per logo from the school office.

Uniform Shop


We have a 'pop-up' shop every half-term which is linked to Clothes for Coventry where good quality pre-loved items have been donated to school. This is available to all pupils regardless of need. A donation can be paid to the school office for these items. There is no barrier to wearing the Walsgrave Academy uniform and Disadvantaged pupils and their families are supported financially as required.

Children's Boot Fund

This a registered charity which will provide grants for the purchase of shoes in cases of difficulty. Application forms are available from the School.

Any family requiring support should seek this through the Pastoral Team in the first instance.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Fleece, Jumper, Hoodie or cardigan	Walsgrave Academy logo or plain green.
Trousers	Black or grey smart trousers (no leggings)
Shorts	Black or grey smart shorts (just above the knee)
School uniform summer dresses	Green & white checked (no shorter than just above the knee)
Polo Shirt / shirt	White - plain standard style buttoned to the neck
Skirt/Pinafore dress	Black or grey (no shorter than just above the knee) Jersey and stretch fabric skirts should be avoided
Socks	Black, grey or white
Tights	Opaque black, grey or green
Shoes	<p>Plain black. Slip on, lace up, buckles, Velcro or plain black trainers. Not permitted –trainers that are not plain black, canvas, logo or stripe, stiletto heels, sandals or sling back.</p> 
<u>OPTIONAL ITEMS</u>	
Jewellery	<p>1 pair of small, gold or silver stud earrings (a matching pair, one in each earlobe). No other fashion jewellery will be permitted (e.g. rings, necklaces, dangly or hooped earrings etc). Jewellery for religious reasons will be permitted. Watches are permitted and encouraged however smart watches with means of communicating outside of school are not permitted.</p>
Make-up	No make-up, nail varnish or acrylic nails are allowed.

Hairstyles	<p>Hair should be of a natural colour.</p> <p>Hair must be tied back at all times for practical lessons and for Health and Safety reasons.</p> <p>Hair must be kept out of children's eyes, using hairbands, small clips and hair slides – plain and in school colours (green, white, black or grey).</p> <p>Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours (green, white, black or grey).</p>
Bags	<p>School bookbags are encouraged.</p> <p>If pupils use a bag, it must be appropriately sized. It should hold children's books and reading diaries comfortably without causing any damage. Large bags/large rucksacks are not permitted for due to space on children's pegs or lockers.</p> <p>Bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted. The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.</p>
<u>PE KIT</u>	
Jumper/ Hoodie	Plain black or green
Polo shirt/ T shirt	Plain white
Shorts	Plain Black (hot pants style will not be permitted)
Tracksuit bottoms/ leggings	Plain black
Socks	Black or white
Trainers	Not over ankle style
Children should come to school wearing their PE kit with their school jumper/ cardigan, over the top, on their PE days. Please note * Refer to section one of this policy.	

Labelling & lost property

School staff encourage good organisation of clothing and footwear, for example all uniform and PE kits must be clearly labelled with their name. Clothing and footwear are the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. If a child goes home in another child's clothing by accident, for example their jumper, parents/carers should send the clothing not belonging to them back into school. Any lost clothing is to be taken to lost property. All lost property is retained for a term and is disposed of if it is not collected within this time.

Non-uniform days

On scheduled days during the school year there will be non-school uniform days. On these days children should wear appropriate alternatives to uniform. Pupils must not wear clothing that shows off their midriff, low-cut tops or hot pant style shorts. There should be no offensive slogans on clothing. Appropriate footwear should be worn (no heels).

Examples of what pupils can wear:

Uniform



PE kit



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