

# Woodcroft Academy



'Be wise, be wonderful

**Head of School: Mrs H Hewitt**

**Uniform Policy**

**April 2020**

# **WOODCROFT ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY**

## **Introduction**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside of normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for our Woodcroft Academy school uniform on our website and at the academy office.

## **Aims and Objectives**

Our policy is based on the importance of the children wearing a school uniform because it:

- promotes a sense of pride in school
- promotes a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children within school
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The only exception to this rule is stud earrings in pierced ears. We ask that parents remove earrings before school on their allocated PE and school sports days. Children are not allowed to do PE and sport with earrings in their ears.

## **Hair**

Woodcroft Academy does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Extreme hairstyles are unacceptable including shaved patterns, lines, Mohicans, coloured hair, excessive hair accessories, large bows and fashion headbands. Children must wear their hair tied-back if longer than shoulder length.

## **Footwear**

The Academy wants all children to grow into healthy adults and we believe it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels to school so these types of footwear are not allowed.

We also do not allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport and/or leisurewear but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of our Academy uniform.

School shoes must be black in colour and children are not allowed to wear open-toed sandals or knee-high boots.

## **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to Woodcroft Academy for their support of the school uniform policy. It is the duty of the parents to send their children to school correctly

dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform each day.

The Academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the Academy uniform, Woodcroft Academy will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of Academy uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head of School.

### **The role of governors**

The governing body supports Woodcroft Academy in implementing the Academy uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and takes into account National regulations concerning equal opportunities. In doing so, we ensure our Academy uniform policy is consistent with policies on equal opportunities. Woodcroft Academy governors ensure that the uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly and smartly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Woodcroft Academy Uniform**

Emerald cardigan or sweatshirt with Woodcroft Academy logo

Grey trousers/skirt/tailored shorts/pinafore dress

Plain white polo neck t-shirt

Emerald polo neck t-shirt with Woodcroft Academy logo – ideal for summer months without sweatshirt

Green gingham dress/playsuit (Summer Terms 1 and 2/Autumn Term 1)

Grey/black/white plain socks

Grey/black plain tights

Black school shoes (no trainers, pumps, knee-high boots or open-toe sandals)

### **Woodcroft Academy P.E Kit**

Emerald round neck t-shirt with Woodcroft Academy logo

Black shorts

Black plain jogging bottoms or leggings (no visible branding)

Black hoodie with Woodcroft Academy logo

Trainers for both indoor and outdoor PE lessons.

Parents can also purchase a Woodcroft Academy emerald book bag and PE bag – these items are optional.

Please note that during the colder, winter period boots may be worn whilst walking to school, but children must bring a change of footwear to be worn during the school day (school shoes).

**Until July 2020, children may continue to wear their Woodcroft First School sweatshirts, cardigans and emerald polo-shirts.**

### **Swimming**

Children at Woodcroft Academy who go swimming will need a swimming cap, swimming trunks or costume (no bikinis, tankinis or long shorts)

**All of Woodcroft Academy's uniform can be purchased from Supersports, Macclesfield Road, Leek. The uniform can also be ordered from the Academy office at certain times during the month – dates and times will be advertised through the Academy newsletter.**

**Policy Review Date:** April 2022