



# Welton Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to address a growing concern regarding the standard of school uniform. Recently, we have noticed that some students are not adhering to our uniform policy, which is essential for maintaining a sense of equality, behaviour, and pride within our school community.

As you know, our uniform is designed to promote inclusivity and minimise distractions, helping students focus on their education. It also enhances school identity and prepares students for environments where professionalism is expected.

Additionally, when students do not follow the uniform policy, it creates unnecessary disruptions to teaching and learning. Teachers and staff are required to address these issues throughout the day, which diverts attention away from teaching time and can affect the learning environment for all students. We want to maintain a focus on education enabling students to aspire, succeed, and be their best. Ensuring all students follow the uniform guidelines is an important part of achieving this goal.

We understand that sometimes ensuring your child has the correct uniform can be challenging. To support you, we can offer assistance through uniform subsidies for families in need, and we also have a stock of second-hand uniforms available which we put out every Wednesday. Students are also able to borrow uniforms if they cannot find something. We expect the item of uniform is successfully returned at the end of the school day. Please feel free to reach out to the school office if you require any support in obtaining the correct uniform for your child.

Starting from Monday 28th April 2025, consequences will be put in place for students who do not comply with the uniform policy. These measures are meant to ensure that all students follow the guidelines and uphold the school's values. We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to the uniform requirements.

The details of our student uniform policy are:

## School Uniform

Tailored Grey/black trousers or shorts/skirt and pinafore (2 inches above or below the knee)

Grey/White/Blue shirt/polo shirt or blouse

Royal Blue sweatshirt/cardigan

Sensible black shoes (not trainers)

## PE Kit (on PE days only)

Blue P.E T-Shirt

Blue P.E hoodie (school jumper, if no hoodie)

Black or blue plain jogging bottoms or leggings.

Black or blue plain shorts. If a child is wearing cycling shorts, they must be knee length.

Sensible sturdy footwear e.g. astroturf trainers or running shoes.

Swimming costume (not bikini)

Trunks (not shorts)

Swimming hat for children with mid length hair

Towel

Students are NOT permitted to wear:

- Hoodies of any sort (including, half, full or quarter zips).
- Sports tops, or tracksuit tops
- Leggings as part of everyday uniform
- Jewellery (unless it is a small stud earring)
- Long sleeved t-shirts underneath t-shirts
- Fluffy socks
- extravagant hair accessories
- Trainers that are not for PE purposes (Nike dunks or equivalent)

The advice I would give you for determining if an item is going to be classified as leggings is that if the material is stretchy and/or skin tight, then they are not acceptable. We appreciate that some shops advertise 'school trousers' when they are in fact leggings. Please check this carefully when purchasing any new items of clothing.

Should students arrive to school from 28th April 2025 with incorrect uniform then the following system will be applied:

- Students will be asked to correct their uniform at the start of the school day.
- If students do not have the correct uniform, they will be offered the opportunity to borrow the correct uniform from our stocks.
- Should a student refuse to borrow an item of uniform, parents will be called and they will be expected to bring in the correct uniform.

By providing you with advance notice of this initiative, we hope that there will only be isolated issues with the student's uniform when we return to school after the Easter break. The additional week following the half term has been provided so any parents/carers who are concerned about this initiative, or require support, can contact the school to arrange any support that is required.

We are aware of individuals who may not be able to wear specific clothing due to medical or SEND needs, and we will continue to support these individuals as part of our reasonable adjustments, where medical evidence has been provided, or is mentioned as part of any Education Health Care Plan. Where we do not have any medical evidence, I urge you to ensure that the school receives a copy prior to the 28th April 2025 so that any reasonable adjustments can be applied and your child is not unfairly sanctioned.

I appreciate that for most students, our concerns regarding uniforms do not apply, and we thank you for ensuring your child attends Welton ready to learn.

Thank you again for your continued support in fostering a positive and professional environment for our students.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Snell