

# DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS



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## **Background**

Woodlands Education Centre recognises the richness of our diverse community and the different religions, cultures and beliefs practiced by our population. When considering the individual dress and appearance of our students we will take a sensitive and supportive approach to discharge our responsibility to keep students safe and to prepare them for the next step of the learning journey; be that a return to mainstream learning, or other suitable learning environment. Students are required to dress appropriately at all times when in the Centre, or when participating in Centre facilitated activities or business outside of the Centre. 'Dressing appropriately' is informed by what is acceptable in the majority of British schools, which includes the additional health and safety requirements for specific activities.

### **Acceptable clothing for students** (Please see the accompanying visual guide)

Woodlands' uniform consists of:

- Black/grey school trousers or skirts
- White polo shirt (no logos or branding)
- Plain navy blue sweatshirt (provided by the Centre)
- Black school shoes

PE uniform consists of:

- Plain Light Blue Plain Polo Shirt (no logos or branding)
- Plain Black or Navy PE Shorts or tracksuit bottoms (no logos or branding)
- Trainers or Plimsolls (any colour)

Students carrying out practical activities, such as cooking or a work experience are expected to wear the appropriate clothing to enable that activity to be facilitated in a safe and effective manner. Students are expected to wear designated protective clothing as required by law and will be provided by the Centre for (e.g. lab coats, aprons and overalls).

Students with informed medical conditions can wear an agreed alternative to the standard uniform, following the receipt of a medical note and discussion with the Headteacher.

Students must remove all caps, hats, hoodies and coats when in the Centre.

The Headteacher will be the final arbiter should a dispute arise about what constitutes unacceptable clothing. Should a student arrive wearing unacceptable clothing, his or her parents/carers will be contacted and the student will be sent home to change. Any time lost will be made up at the end of the school day. If this is not possible, the student will spend the day working in isolation, with parents/carers contacted and assurances sought about future attire.

## **Jewellery**

Jewellery worn by students should be discreet and not put the wearer at risk of harm whilst participating in the Centre's curriculum. All facial piercings should be removed during the school day.

Staff can request that a student removes jewellery for health and safety reasons. This can either be returned at the end of the lesson or at the end of the school day. Any jewellery stored by the Centre's staff will be stored in a safe place until it can be given back to the student to take home.

### **Make Up**

Make Up should be minimal and can include neutral coloured foundation. Nails should be natural and any nail polish/coatings to be of a neutral colour.

## Student Hairstyles

### Boys - Acceptable



### Not Acceptable



Boys' hair should not have designs shaved into the head; it should be of a natural colour and not have single or multiple colours highlighted or dyed into it. Shaved hairstyles should be no shorter than 4 mm at the shortest point.

### Girls – Acceptable



### Not Acceptable



Girls' hairstyles should not appear to be extremely shaven (either evenly or asymmetrically); it should be of a natural colour and not have single or multiple colours highlighted or dyed into it.

## Student Uniform –

To avoid confusion and to support pupils to make the right choices we have created a simple guide to acceptable uniform. All students should wear a Sweatshirt with Woodlands Logo. In addition the following should be adhered to:

**Girls Uniform – Minimum Expectations**

**Acceptable**



- Trousers should be Black or Grey
- Trousers should be straight leg or flared
- Trousers should have a zip fastener and button or catch
- Trousers should have pockets

**Not Acceptable**



- No Skin tight leggings
- No sports branding



- Girls may wear a skirt over thick tights. Skirts must be worn no more than 15 cms above or below the knee



- No Denim



- A white Polo Shirt, or cotton collared shirt

**Boys Uniform – Minimum Expectations**

**Acceptable**



**Not Acceptable**

- Trousers should be Black or Grey
- Trousers should be straight leg or flared
- Trousers should have a zip fastener, a button or catch and belt loops
- Trousers should have pockets



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- No Skin tight trousers or leggings
- No sports branding



- Boys may wear shorts during Hot Weather
- Shorts will have belt loops, pockets and a zip fastener
- Black or Grey



- No Denim



- A white Polo Shirt, or cotton collared shirt

### Footwear

Acceptable

Not Acceptable



- Shoes should be flat
- Shoes should not have coloured logos
- Shoes can be trainers, if all black in colour



- Coloured trainers are not acceptable
- Black shoes with coloured trims are not acceptable
- Open toed shoes are not acceptable
- High Heels are not acceptable
- Boots/Shoes with Steel Toe Caps are not acceptable



## PE & Outdoor Education

Must be worn for all PE and O&A timetabled lessons



**Plain Light Blue Plain Polo Shirt**



**Plain Black or Navy PE Shorts**



**And/or tracksuit bottoms (Absolutely no logos or branding)**



**Trainers or Plimsolls (any colour)**



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