

School Uniform Policy

Willow Grove Primary School



‘Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Positive’

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Introduction

Willow Grove Primary School is a specialist Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) provider and provides outreach support to mainstream schools in the Wigan Borough.

All pupils at Willow Grove have an identified Special Educational Need (SEN), most of our pupils' primary area of need is SEMH. Many of our pupils have experienced early trauma and adversity, and many have attachment difficulties. Willow Grove is committed to providing an educational environment within which our pupils can heal, thrive, learn and play. All staff work in line with trauma-informed practices, and they have an excellent knowledge of the strategies and resources that are available to meet the needs of pupils with SEMH and additional SEN.

At Willow Grove, we recognise the importance of a consistent school uniform in creating a sense of identity, community, and readiness for learning. As a specialist SEMH setting, we are also mindful that many of our pupils have sensory needs. We aim to be adaptable and supportive while maintaining consistency for our pupils and high standards around appearance.

Ordering Uniform

We have a good stock of new uniform available to order directly through school.

To place an order, please email:

enquiries@admin.willowgrove.wigan.sch.uk

School uniform can also be purchased via Slaters, our approved school uniform stockist.

<https://www.slaters-schoolwear.co.uk/>

Uniform Expectations

While we are flexible where needed due to sensory issues, there is an expectation that our pupils' attend school in the correct uniform. We do not have gender specific uniform. Below is our approved uniform list:

Tops

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan – with school logo or plain. No sports branding (e.g., Nike, Adidas).
- Yellow or pale blue polo shirt – with school logo or plain. No sports branding. Crew neck t-shirts in school colours (yellow or pale blue) may be worn if your child has sensory issues with polo collars. These must still look smart and not be sportswear.

Bottoms

- Grey trousers, skirts, or smart grey school shorts.
- Yellow or blue gingham dresses may be worn in warmer weather.
- Joggers are permitted only if they are:
 - Plain, dark grey
 - Unbranded
 - Not sportswear (e.g., no Nike, Montirex, Adidas, etc.)
- No sports shorts or tracksuits.

Socks & Tights

- Grey, white, or black socks
- Grey tights

Footwear

We allow some flexibility with footwear for comfort and sensory reasons, but safety and presentation remain key.

- All black trainers are acceptable, these can be branded, but branding/logos must be discreet and all-black.
- Black pumps or flat black school shoes are also permitted.

Unsuitable items

- Brightly coloured trainers or those with large logos (e.g., coloured Nike ticks).
- Sports-style trainers in bright colours.
- Shoes or trainers without a proper back (e.g., Crocs, sliders or mule-style shoes).
- Heavy boots.

If your child arrives in unsafe or non-compliant footwear, we may ask for an alternative pair to be provided.

Sensory Considerations

We understand that some children may struggle with certain materials, seams, or fastenings. Where this is the case:

- Please inform your child's class teacher or a member of the class team and we will advise appropriate alternatives.
- Reasonable adaptations (e.g., wearing crew neck t-shirts instead of polos) can be supported.

Religious clothing

We will support clothing items associated with religious practices.

Pre-worn and gently worn uniforms

We have some gently worn school uniforms available free of charge, these are available directly from school. Sizes and items will vary depending on what we have available. If you would like to arrange to look at what we have available, please email:

enquiries@admin.willowgrove.wigan.sch.uk

Questions or Support

If you are unsure whether an item of clothing is suitable or if you need assistance sourcing uniform, please get in touch. We are happy to support our families with both practical advice, reasonable adjustments and flexibility where needed.

Email: enquiries@admin.willowgrove.wigan.sch.uk

Thank you for helping us to maintain high standards while ensuring that all our pupils feel safe, comfortable and ready to learn.

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