Uniform Policy 2025-2028

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INTRODUCTION

Children learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable in what they wear when engaging in the range of nursery school activities Abbey Wood Nursery School provides. Children at Abbey Wood Nursery School do not have to wear a uniform, however there are some items with the school logo on which can be purchased.

COST PRINCIPLES

Abbey Wood Nursery School is committed to ensuring that it has a school uniform that is affordable and accessible to all children, and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents. Therefore uniform at Abbey Wood Nursery School is optional and not compulsory. Abbey Wood Nursery School will assess the overall cost implications of its uniform policy regularly, including prior to making any changes to the school uniform. Abbey Wood Nursery School is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. Every care is taken to ensure that the uniform is affordable for all current and prospective children, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers. Abbey Wood Nursery School will not amend uniform requirements regularly.

EQUALITY PRINCIPLES

Abbey Wood Nursery School takes its legal obligation to avoid discriminating against any protected characteristic unlawfully very seriously, and aims to ensure that the uniform policy is as inclusive as possible so that all children are supported to access a school uniform which is comfortable, suitable for their needs, and reflects who they are. The school uniform is inclusive and meets the needs of all children.

Abbey Wood Nursery School implements a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that children are not required to wear specific items based on their gender.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

The current school uniform supplier is: Mapac, Unit 6 Mowat Estate, Sandown Road, Watford, Herts, WD24 7UZ. Uniform Policy To be reviewed Tri-Annually. Reviewed January 2025. To be reviewed January 2028.

Purchasing branded school uniform
Our branded uniform consists of

1.

A red book bag costing £6.00. This purchase is compulsory if your child wishes to borrow books from the school.

2.
A red sweatshirt costing £9.00, embroidered with the school name and logo. This purchase is not compulsory.

Items of school uniform need to be purchased on ParentPay and collected from the school office.

NON BRANDED UNIFORM
Children at Abbey Wood Nursery School are not required to wear a school uniform. Please send your child to school in clothes you do not mind them getting dirty, as they have access to our garden in all weathers and often participate in "messy play".
Trousers that your child can easily take down for quick trips to the toilet, help encourage independence for example no buttons or zips.
School clothes do not have to be expensive many of our families purchase uniform/clothes for school from local supermarkets, where you can purchase multi packs.

JEWELLERY
We ask that children wear no jewellery for nursery school unless for religious reason. Nursery staff will remove any jewellery worn by children and return the

jewellery to parents/carers at the end of the day. Jewellery can be easily lost and nursery school staff cannot take responsibility if this occurs. Children with pierced ears should wear stud earrings only.

FOOTWEAR

The aim is that children should develop independence and confidence during their time in Abbey Wood Nursery School, and this includes the ability to dress and undress themselves. Footwear should be comfortable, safe and easy for children to manage alone. Abbey Wood Nursery School request children to wear non laced shoes or trainers as this makes changing footwear easier for nursery aged children. No laces please! These can be dangerous and a constant worry to staff, as well as causing children unnecessary upset and frustration when they come undone, or when children need to put their shoes back on. Velcro fastenings are ideal and will enable children to develop independence quickly. Sandals need to have a back on them. No sliders or flipflops.

COAT/JACKET

A coat is needed for outdoor play. In the autumn and winter seasons during the darker months consider a brighter coloured coat/jacket so that children can be seen more easily by motorists when crossing the road. SUMMER UNIFORM There is no summer uniform but children can wear shorts and t-shirts in the summer as long as the t-shirt covers the shoulders. Football kits are not permitted. Summer dresses must also cover shoulders.

UNIFORM ASSISTANCE

Parents are invited to donate their child's uniform when their child no longer needs the uniform either because they have grown out of the uniform or they are moving onto to primary school. Abbey Wood Nursery School will collect uniform donations (in the school office) throughout the year, which can be donated to upcoming families as their child begins Abbey Wood Nursery School.

OUTDOOR AND FOREST SCHOOL

The school has a supply of wellington boots for outdoor play. Wellington boots are provided for Forest School.

Parents are invited to donate wellington boots when their child no longer requires them because they have grown out of them. Donated wellington boots will be given to other children joining the Nursery School. Abbey Wood Nursery School provide the waterproofs for outdoor play and Forest School.

LABELLING

All children's clothing and footwear to be clearly labelled with their name. Nursery Staff will label the child's clothing (especially sweatshirts) when this has not been undertaken, to avoid confusion to the child.

LOST PROPERTY

Any lost clothing/property will be taken to the lost property box in the school office.

All lost property will be retained for the rest of the academic year and will be disposed of if the lost property is not reclaimed within this time.

When we have a report of "lost" clothing/property we will text all parents to check their child hasn't taken it home by accident. If your child has taken it home, please return it to your child's class at your earliest opportunity.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

This policy is reviewed every 3 years.