

## Townfield Primary School Uniform Q & As

- **Why are there plans for a change to the current uniform?**

The number of uniform items parents/carers are required to purchase is above what the Department for Education expects in their guidelines. In addition, due to changes in legislation, school uniform must be easily available from more than one outlet, including available to purchase off the peg at supermarkets and big chain stores.

Red and grey has been chosen as it is universally available, regardless of where you shop. This was taken into consideration when updating the school badge, which incorporates a tree representing not only the growth of our children and knowledge, but also the fabulous addition of Woodland Learning for all within our curriculum.

In addition, cost is a major consideration and this is also part of the Department for Education guidance in making sure uniform is both easily obtainable and affordable.

- **When is the uniform changing?**

Our main “academic” school uniform will not change until a consultation has been completed. Any change of the main school uniform, will not take place until September 2022 once the results and opinions of those who have contributed have been taken into consideration.

- PE/Woodland Uniform – changes will be implemented for September 2021.
- Academic Uniform – changes will not be implemented before September 2022.

**In any event, regardless of any uniform changes, any approved uniform which still fits (e.g. current maroon uniform) this can continue to be worn until your child outgrows it. If you have recently purchased uniform, you are not required to replace this.**

- **Why are parents being consulted separately about PE & Woodland Uniform now?**

This change has been necessary now, due to the issues which have been experienced with children wearing whatever they want on Woodland Learning days. It was agreed to allow children to wear joggers and tracksuits of their choosing during this year only, to support parents/carers.

- **Why is Woodland Uniform being combined with the PE uniform ?**

It was agreed to allow children to wear joggers and tracksuits of their choosing during this year only, children are now attending school in clothing which is completely unacceptable for school (belly tops), unsuitable clothing (expensive/designer wear). In addition, some children are feeling pressure from their peers. In keeping with our school values, it is considered that one combined uniform for both PE and Woodland Learning is the best option all round.

- **What about current PE Uniform my child has and still fits or I have only recently purchased?**

This is still acceptable. School does not expect anyone to incur the cost of replacing a uniform that still fits and your child may continue to wear this until they outgrow it.

- **Why hasn't this information been provided earlier?**

This information was communicated as soon as possible and has been made due to everchanging Covid restrictions and guidelines. It was hoped that as England were exiting the final stage of the Lockdown Roadmap that children could revert to the previous PE/Woodland days procedure of getting changed in school. However following advice from Public Health England, the decision has been taken to allow children to continue to attend school on PE and Woodland days in their uniform as this makes it easier for parents/carers. The only change is that PE uniform will also be worn on Woodland days.

- **What do the changes mean? How much uniform do I need for my child?**

For next year your child will need an academic uniform and PE uniform as per previous years. The only change is that children must wear their PE uniform for Woodland Learning days also (the addition of waterproofs and wellies will be required for Woodland Learning days.)

How much uniform additional uniform you purchase, is completely a matter for you. To help you make this decision timetables will be communicated for September as soon as possible. However, we can confirm that all children are timetabled for 2 days PE and 1 day Woodland Learning (save for nursery and Reception who do 1 day PE and 1 day Woodland Learning per week); PE and Woodland learning may occur on the same day so children will only be required to attend school in their academic uniform for a maximum of 2 to 3 days per week.

- **When will parents/carers be consulted about any change to the academic uniform?**

This has not yet been timetabled, however it is hoped this will take place during the Autumn term to give everyone an opportunity to contribute to the uniform consultation.

- **Can any change be completely opposed?**

No. Whilst all options will be considered, a change to our uniform will happen. This is in line with Government and Department for Education guidance regarding the cost and availability of uniform to make it accessible and affordable for all.

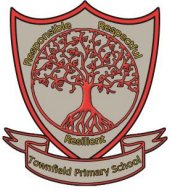
- **We are proud of our uniform and image – will this be protected?**

Of course. School is making this change to help parents and carers, not to hinder them. We are aware that there are some concerns that the current maroon colour is specific to Townfield and as such, it is felt this easily sets us apart from other schools. Unfortunately, the current colour is also to our detriment as it was found it was not easily available off the peg. The proposed school colours of grey and red have been chosen because during research these colours were available at all outlets visited, including supermarkets who provide fantastic value for money.

However, we are proud of our image and how beautifully well presented our children are and will look to protect this to ensure our image is maintained. In addition, some uniform items are optional so parents/carers can have uniform choices to suit them, e.g. optional additional of blazers.

- **If I buy generic uniform, how can I personalise it to “Townfield” if I want to?**

School logos/badges is no longer mandatory for any uniform items. This is supported by the Department for Education in ensuring affordability. However, for any parents who wish to add the school logo, this can be embroidered on any items at Wirral Uniforms for £3.00.



# Townfield Primary

## School Uniform



# UNIFORM DOS & DON'TS

## DO

- Label everything - put your child's full name in everything, not just initials
- Feel free to wear all current uniform until your child outgrows any of it.
- Check our lost property buckets – from September 2021 each year group will bring any lost property out on to the playground at the end of each day to allow you to search for any lost items. Names items should easily be found/returned.
- Contact Wirral FUPS (Free Uniform for Primary Schools) if you need any uniform items – they are always more than happy to help and despite the worry of second hand uniform, they only offer good quality uniform.

## DON'T

- Do not feel the need to purchase additional uniform, unless your child requires a new one
- Send your child to school in expensive or designing clothing, particularly coats. School cannot accept any responsibility for lost or damaged clothing.
- Let your child attend school without the correct uniform on the correct day, particularly on Woodland Learning days. Unfortunately, children who do not attend with waterproof overclothing and wellies will not be allowed to participate for health and safety reasons.