

The Willow Centre

Uniform Policy

Outline

Children attending The Willow Centre must wear their mainstream school's uniform. They must adhere to their mainstream school's Uniform Policy.

Adherence to this will be monitored by The Willow Centre staff team.

Our Policy on School Uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride and belonging to the child's mainstream school
- Supports our commitment to inclusion
- Prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered good value for money by most parents

In addition to their mainstream school's Uniform Policy, children must follow the guidance as outlined below.

Footwear

Children must wear plain black shoes to The Willow Centre. Platform soles or high heels are not allowed.

On entering The Willow Centre, children are required to remove their school shoes and place them in the shoe racks provided. Children may keep an extra, thicker pair of plain comfy socks at The Willow Centre if they wish.

Outdoor Clothing

Children must bring a pair of wellington boots or similar waterproof footwear to The Willow Centre. These can remain on the shoe racks and do not have to go home daily.

We place a high value on the benefits of outdoor learning. Children will therefore be outdoors in all weathers. Children must arrive at The Willow Centre each day in suitable outer wear. For example, a raincoat on rainy days and a sun hat on hot summer days.

Physical Exercise

Children are required to bring a P.E Kit to The Willow Centre.

The P.E Kit should contain:

1. A plain t-shirt (this can be a P.E top from child's mainstream school)
2. A plain black or navy blue pair of shorts or tracksuit bottoms

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3. A plain long sleeve active top for colder days (this can be a P.E top from child's mainstream school)
4. A pair of trainers or plimsolls

Jewellery, make-up hair ornaments and nail varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunches' should be plain black, grey, navy blue or white. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school and extreme hairstyles are also not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Jeans, leggings and overtly branded clothing are not permitted.