



Issue No. 384

14th December 2021



Tues 14 December 2021

School Uniform requirements

Please ensure your child is equipped to comply on return in January

As term comes to an end I am writing to secure your assistance in ensuring all students in Years 7-11 comply with WCHS uniform policy. Most students wear the uniform very well and have some understanding of why schools have such expectations and that it's important they meet them. There are, however, a number of students persistently flouting rules. We don't set much store by protestations that they "didn't know" - expectations have not changed and are listed in their planners. Neither does it seem likely that they don't possess the appropriate shoes / coat etc. However, in bringing the subject to your attention immediately before a holiday the intention is to ensure any shortfall in uniform is addressed before we return on Tuesday 4 January. Highlighting the matter today also means you are in an informed position to counter any adolescent pressure over the holiday for piercings or hair colour, school shoes or coats that will be challenged next term.

The school uniform list, as it appears in student planners, is attached for your reference. Particular attention is drawn to the necessity for appropriate shoes and outdoor coats. Covid-19 safety measures involve all of us being outside and exposed to the elements more frequently, students need appropriate attire. We make no requirement for a branded item — any **black** or **navy** coat (not jacket) should serve the purpose. (Sweatshirts, hoodies and jackets do not.) Even inside warm clothing is needed as guidance nationwide is that classroom windows are open whenever possible. School uniform does allow for layering (a t-shirt invisible underneath the shirt, a school jumper or cardigan and a blazer in addition to it). WCHS PE sweatshirts and any form of hoodie are not uniform, however, and will be confiscated if worn as such.

The Governors' Policy for school uniform also places limitations on jewellery (one stud earring in the lobe of each ear) and on hair colour, also stipulating that long hair should be tied back. The school having a uniform policy it is, of course, important that it is uniformly followed. A small number of girls currently are sporting hair colours than don't comply. If your daughter is one such student, she will already have been spoken to about the issue and, if the matter is still to be resolved, colleagues will be seeking your direct support of uniform policy.

The holiday "to do" list in many households may include top up purchases of uniform or shoes, and visits to the hairdresser. Students of uniform-wearing age at Woodford (Years 7-11) are teenagers - it wouldn't be unheard of for a few of them to be set on persuading parents to sanction options which fail to meet uniform requirements. Students all have ready access to uniform stipulations (including those pertaining to hair colour, to the only permissible piercings, to shoes and to coats) in their planner (pages 18 & 19 – and attached here for your convenience). Parents have access to the uniform policy on our website.

You are asked to review the expectations now to avoid unnecessary conflict and expense. If students opt for inappropriate hair colouring it will need to be adjusted – a cost and an inconvenience. If they acquire additional piercings they will have to remove the associated jewellery during school hours, infection risk or not. (They know the school rules.) Similarly inappropriate shoes or coats will need to be replaced.

Generally when these issues arise it is because students have knowingly misled parents on the subject. The aim of this e-mail is to put you on the front foot, to enlist your help in getting things on track now and to avoid future aberration from uniform requirements and the unnecessary altercations and wastage that ensure.

There has been no change with regard to the requirements referred to above since you enrolled your child in the school. In addition, students are now also very familiar with the need to wear a lanyard in school and, currently, a face mask as and when required. They are to be congratulated on their compliance with the latter in particular - we believe this to have been critical in restricting virus spread this term. Parents and students are thanked for the common sense shown about such matters. It is appreciated.

I write in more festive mood in the Newsletter to be published on Friday. In closing, however, let me very sincerely wish you and your family a happy, healthy and restorative holiday period.

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

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SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST 2021 – 2022 Years 7-11

GENERAL ITEMS

- "Woodford Blue" regulation kilted skirt or "Woodford Blue" Trousers (polyester cotton mix or similar fabric, straight leg, mid-rise, full length, plain, no belts, no pronounced external pockets, no embroidery, no visible logos)
- Blue and white striped regulation blouse (long sleeves needed by 29th September)
- Navy Blue plain V-neck regulation pullover or cardigan with school logo
- Plain blue coat-type overall for Science (please note: wrap over lab coats are sold by length and not chest size. Minimum suggested size 39")
- Blue & White Striped butcher style apron for Food Technology
- An outdoor coat, if worn, must be plain navy blue or black fabric (NOT DENIM / LEATHER)
- A winter scarf, if worn, must be regulation, plain navy or plain black
- Socks should be plain white knee-length for wear with skirts, and navy blue ankle-length (or longer)
 when worn with trousers
- Plain white or natural tights
- Shoes should have flat and broad based heels and have a strap or laces to ensure that the shoe is firmly fixed to the foot. They should be leather or leather look (not suede or canvas) navy blue or black in colour.
- Hair should be of a natural colour, neat (tied back where of a length to be so) and the face clearly visible; all slides and hairbands must be navy blue, black or brown

<u>N.B.</u> For safety, all footwear must be secure and well fitting. Trainers, casual shoes and boots (of all sorts) are <u>not acceptable</u> in school. In extreme winter weather (snow and ice) the school will advise when boots may sensibly be worn with uniform.

Jewellery may <u>not</u> be worn except for religious symbols worn out of sight and one plain small gold, silver, pearl or diamante stud worn in the lobe of the ear.

OPTIONAL UNIFORM

- A short-sleeved regulation blouse is available to be worn with the school skirt or school trousers
- "Woodford Blue" regulation blazer
- Woodford regulation navy headscarf / hijab (with school logo) if worn for religious reasons (available from Lucilla Ltd). Students' faces must be visible at all times so the niqab is not permitted.

GAMES UNIFORM

- White polo shirt
- Navy blue 'classic' shorts
- White ankle socks for games
- Navy blue, long football socks
- Pair of trainers (lace up with sufficient support / no plimsolls)
- Regulation PE jumper with school logo
- Navy blue pleated games skirt
- Navy-blue pants (to be worn underneath games skirt)
- Sports bra (when required)
- A regulation PE bag of the correct colour for your year group (purchased from the school)

NB. Trainers should be suitable for running and support pupil's ankles. They should not be plimsolls, fashion trainers and <u>not</u> of the ankle boot type. Please ensure that trainers are suitable. It is a good idea to keep an old pair of trainers or astro-turf boots that students can wear when taking part in fitness activities on the field.

OPTIONAL SPORTS ITEMS

- Regulation outdoor polyester tracksuit trousers (available from Lucilla Ltd)
- Regulation polyester tracksuit outdoor jacket (available from Lucilla Ltd)
- Plain white sunhat (or white with small sports logo not baseball cap)
- N.B. Please note that ALL items of school uniform must be clearly marked with the owner's name. It is impossible to return items which are not marked. Initials alone are inadequate.

Absolutely no jewellery may be worn during PE lessons. Please do not get body parts pierced during school term time if you are unable to remove them for PE lessons.

Remember your kit for every PE lesson even if you are ill or injured. You will participate in the lesson in an alternative way.

Woodford's official uniform supplier:-

Lucilla Ltd

177-181 Cranbrook Road Ilford Essex IG1 4TA

Tel: 020 8554 5133 E-mail:

shop@schooluniformshop.info

Important Student Personal Safety Notice 14/12/21 (Parent Bulletin)

Parents are alerted to the following notice that was sent out to students today.

There has been a report of a man working in a shop in the Woodford Green area making inappropriate advances towards a 15 year old female student. This is being investigated by the police. Students are reminded that they should be sure to alert to their surroundings, not engage in conversation with strangers or go behind the counter of a shop. If you are aware of any concerning or suspicious activity please report it to the school and the police.

Mrs Greenfield

(Designated Safeguarding Lead)

CHRISTMAS DINNERS AND END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th December Christmas Dinner will be served in the canteen to those who have ordered it. Year Groups have been divided as follows:

Wednesday - Year 7, 9A-C, Year 10 & Year 12

Thursday - Year 8, 9D-F, Year 11 & Year 13

No non-Christmas lunches will be served in the canteen on those days, so if your daughter is not participating, or it is not her Christmas Dinner day, she will need to bring in a packed lunch. Girls will be permitted to eat in form rooms on these two days only, but must go outside once they have finished.

The canteen will be open at break-time as usual.

LAST DAY OF TERM

School finishes at 2pm on Friday for Years 10 & 11 and at 2.10pm for Years 7-9. There will be no after-school clubs running on Friday and neither will Homework Club. All girls must vacate the school site at the times indicated. The 679 buses have been rescheduled accordingly.

13 December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Testing has been playing a vital role in the response to COVID-19. It is helping to break chains of transmission by identifying asymptomatic positive cases quickly. This means those who test positive can self-isolate, keeping other pupils and students in face-to-face education. Reporting all test results, positive or negative, helps the health experts have a clearer picture of any potential outbreaks in different parts of the country.

Regular testing on a twice weekly basis has been available to all students and will continue to be available both during the Christmas and New Year Holiday break and into January 2022.

The school will also be undertaking one round of Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) Onsite on **Tuesday 4 January 2022** for all students.

The school will be using two varieties of COVID Testing:

- The INNOVA testing kit already in use in the Blue and White Box and
- NEW The Orient Gene testing kit nasal swab only and in a green and white box

We do not have sufficient test kits to allocate to all year groups so **year 10** students will continue to use the INNOVA test kits, all other students will be offered the Orient Gene Test kit

The process for the Orient Gene test is different to the INNOVA test so we are providing all students in years 7-9 and 11-13 a box of the Orient Gene kit to take home this week. This provides students with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the process before they return to school on the 4 January 2022, making the onsite testing process more efficient.

If your daughter is in year 10 and would like more INNOVA home testing kits for the holiday, please could they advise their form tutor and we will arrange delivery of these kits to their form room.

Mrs Fonseca

School Business Manager





CAKE SALE MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER

A very big thank you from the PFA for all the delicious and beautifully decorated cake donations to Monday's cake sale. A total of £245 was raised, and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the break time treat!

Any cake tins / tuppaware items were taken to Main Reception, and can be collected by students from there.

See the WCHS Christmas Newsletter (on Friday) for photos of the (now consumed) cakes.

PFA

REMINDER Christmas lunch

Please note a slight change to Christmas lunch order:

Wednesday 15th December:

- 1.10pm sitting -All Year 10 & Year 12
 - 1.30m sitting -All Year 7 & 9A-C

Thursday 16th December:

- 1.10pm sitting- All Year 11 & Year 13
 - 1.30pm sitting -All Year 8 & 9D-F



On Thursday 16th a recorded Christmas concert will be premiered on Youtube at 6:00pm.

The link to watch the concert on Thursday 16th December will be available here.

We have many exciting groups on offer:

- Jazz Band
- Brass Band
- String Orchestra
- Kalimba Club
- Junior Choir
- Flute Ensemble
- Carnatic Ensemble
- Junior Band
- String Quintet
- Year 8 Brass Ensemble
- Orchestra
- Senior Choir
- Junior Choir
- Year 7 Choir

As we would normally be fundraising on the night and we won't be able to do so this year, a ParentPay account has been set up. Please donate—as usual the money will be split between the Music Department and Haven House. Thank you

Those of you who have sent in items for Christmas Concert Hamper appeal, thank you, but as the concert is online and there won't be a raffle you can ask your daughter to collect the item from the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

January 2022



Dear parents, we have a few spaces left in January's after school clubs, these are available on parentpay now.

- Musical theatre.
- Cakes & cookies.
- * Basic Cooking.
- ❖ Street food.
- ❖ Boxing.
- Drama.
- Pop workshop

Thank you.







You were sent a notification from ParentPay this week that a new item entitles

"Amnesty Society—Write for Rights campaign" has been added.

The Amnesty Society would like to raise funds for their 'Write for Rights' campaign, as part of which students across the school are writing letters which will need to be posted abroad. They are hoping to raise money to help pay for postage of these letters, written in support of victims of Human Rights abuses, as well as a donation from the school to Amnesty International to support this campaign more widely.

Please donate £1-£3.



Parental Survey (Y7-13)

At Woodford, we value the opinions of the parents / carers of our students.

We would therefore be grateful if you would complete the following questionnaire to help us to ensure that we continue to successfully meet the needs of our students and their parents.

We would like to hear from as many parents has possible.

It should only take a few minutes to complete.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

Click here to complete our Parental Survey (Y7-13)

Woodford County High School
Parental Survey

YEARS 7 - 11

Flu Immunisations will be taking place throughout the day in the conference room on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th December.



16 – 17 year olds now eligible for second dose of Covid-19 vaccination

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that all healthy 16 to 17 year olds should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

The decision is based on a review of the latest evidence and has been accepted by te Government.

The second vaccine dose is available to these young people 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose. For those in this age group who have had the Covid-19 infection, the second vaccine dose can be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose, or 12 weeks following a positive Covid-19 test result, whichever is later. Those young people deemed 'at risk' will continue to be offered a second dose 8 weeks after their first dose.

16 and 17 year olds can access their second injection like the general public through vaccination centres, community pharmacies and GP- led primary care sites.



Did you know that you can raise money for the school's PFA while doing your Christmas shopping?





It's simple to use and it's free.

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Our retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

They have 4700+ retailers to choose from and so far we've raised over £35 million for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK.

You can create an account supporting Woodford County High School PFA by clicking here.



Online safety Training for Parents

December 2021

Dear Parents

Congratulations to those of you that completed the online safety training last month.

Due to popular demand this is being made available again for parents that missed out last month.

Remember that this can be carried out in the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you best! There is no time limit once you commence the training but please allow yourself twenty minutes to complete this comfortably.

Don't forget to enter your name in full at the start as once completed you will be able to download your certificate. The most up to date training link can always be found here on the school website.

Click here to start your online safety Training for Parents

Regards Mrs Del Giudice Network Manager





Holiday Activities and Food Programme - December 2021

What is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme?

Also known as HAF, this programme is being provided to enable eligible children to access the following during the school holidays:

- ✓ Daily physical activity
- ✓ Enriching activities
- ✓ Nutritional education

Children and young people who took part in the summer had a great time and made new friends too.

When is it?

Sessions will take place from 10.00am to 2.00pm, Monday 20 December to Thursday 23 December 2021. Once we've confirmed your place, you'll be able to turn up on all four days, but you don't have to. If you have other plans then you can just join in on one, two or three days instead.

Where is it?

Primary age children will be able to attend one of the following sites:

- Cranbrook Primary School, The Drive, Ilford, Essex, IG1 3PS
- Coppice Primary School, Manford Way, Chigwell, Essex, IG7 4AL
- Fullwood Primary School, Burford Close, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex, IG6 1ER
- Ray Lodge Primary School, Snakes Lane East, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 7JQ
- South Park Primary School, Water Lane, Seven Kings, Ilford, IG3 9HF
- Uphall Primary School, Uphall Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 2JD
- Woodlands Primary School, Loxford Lane, Ilford, Essex, IG1 2PY

Secondary age children will be able to attend one of the following sites:

- Caterham High School, Caterham Avenue, Clayhall, Ilford, IG5 0QW
- Oaks Park High School, 45-65 Oaks Lane, Ilford, IG2 7PQ
- If you live in Ilford and are unable to travel to Oaks Park or Caterham, we will also be running a transport service daily, to and from the front of Loxford School, Loxford Lane to the Oaks Park High School HAF.

We are also considering running online activities sessions for children who are unable to attend in person. If you are interested in these sessions, please indicate so on the application form and we will contact you with the relevant login details, if there is sufficient public interest.

Is my child eligible?

Your child will need to meet both of the following:

- Eligible for, and in receipt of, Free School Meals (not including those accessing universal entitlement for Free School Meals unless they also meet the eligibility criteria for FSM)
- √ Age 5-16 years

How do I book?

If you would like your child to take part, please register your interest no later than 5.00pm on Friday 10

December 2021 at https://forms.office.com/r/zxM5YtLyyk. Places are on a first come first served basis so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

I completed a HAF request form in November 2021 but have not heard anything. What now?

We had significant issues with the HAF request form that was online in November 2021. Therefore, your application may have been lost. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused by this but if you haven't already received a booking confirmation then we ask that you complete a further HAF application request. If you would like support in this matter or to check if your application was received, please email us at haf@redbridge.gov.uk.

MUSIC CLUBS

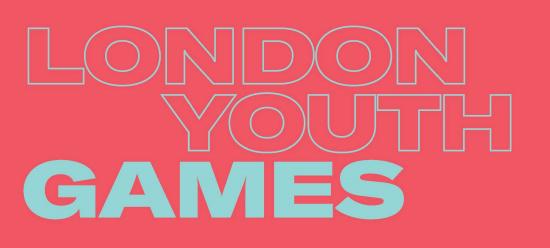
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Junior Choir	Junior Band	Jazz Band	Senior Choir	Orchestra
	Conference	IBO	KHN	КНА	IBO
	Room	(SF1)	(SF1)	(SF1)	(SF1)
	13:50- 14:35	13:50- 14:40	13:25-14:15	13:25- 14:05	13:30-14:20
			GCSE/A-level support IBO (SF2) 13:25- 14:05	Theory IBO (SF2) 13:30-14:20	
After school	String or- chestra	Chamber groups			
	IBO	IBO			
	(SF1)	(SF1)			
	15:45-16:30	15:45-16:30			
	Brass Ensem- ble				
	(SF2)				
	15:45-16:15				

These music sessions will be on weekly, girls should bring their own instrument and no registration is required for the sessions.

PE Extra-curricular (Autumn 2) December 2021



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School			Y7/8 Sports hall athletics JBR - Sports hall 7:50 – 8:20		All Year Groups - Morning Mile JBR - Field 7:50-8:15 Year 11 Bad- minton VJA - Sports Hall 7:50-8:20
Lunch time (Times vary)	Year 9 Badmin- ton HBA – Sports Hall 13:40-14:20	Running Club with Rachael Lam (Y12) Field 13:30 – 14:00	Year 7/8 Football TLE - Netball courts 13:30-14:00 All Years - Athletics KRI - Sports hall 13:25-14:10 Year 9/10 Football HBA - Netball courts 13:40-14:20	Year 9 Netball HBA - Netball Courts 13:30-14:20 Year 10 Netball KRI - Netball Courts/Sports Hall 13:10-14:00	Y12/13 Netball LMA - Sports Hall 13:10 - 2:00 Boxercise (Invitation Only) HBA - Dance Studio 13:40-14:10 Year 10 GCSE Catch Up KRI 13:30-14:00
After school	Year 7/8 Foot- ball JBR - Field 15:45-16:30 Year 9/10/11 Netball VJA/LMA – Sports Hall 15:30-16:30	All years Trampolining JBR/LMA – Sports Hall 15:40 -16:40	Year 7 Netball VJA/LMA – Sports Hall 15:45-16:45	Year 8 Netball JBR – Sports Hall 15:45-16:45	





Would you like to represent Redbridge at the London Youth Games 2022?

Boys & Girls Indoor Cricket (No County Players) School Years 8 & Under

Trials Girls TBC

Boys Monday 6th & 13th December 7.00—8.30pm @ Wanstead Leisure Centre





You must live or go to school in the London Borough of Redbridge. <u>active.redbridge@visionrcl.org.uk</u>

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Sunday's from November 21st 2021 | 1pm - 3pm

All Ages Welcome

Contact

info@kdwsportscoachinglimited.com

020 8550 1561

Centenary Field, Roding Lane North Woodford, IG8 8JR



<u>Camps – London Pulse Netball</u>

Dear Pulse Fans, our Xmas Camps will be at our home venue this year!

Take the opportunity to go Xmas shopping at Westfield whist your child plays with some of our Netball stars in the best Netball Arena in the Country!

londonpulsenetball.com









Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

Would you like to talk to someone about difficulties that you or your child are experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic? Do you need some support with creating a daily routine for your child? Are you concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing? Are you struggling to motivate your children at home or manage sibling relationships? The Educational Psychology Service are here to support you.

The Redbridge Educational Psychology Service have a **dedicated telephone helpline for parents/carers** where you will receive advice and guidance from a professional psychologist.

The EPS helpline is available for all parents and carers - your child does not need to be known to the EPS, does not need to have a special educational need or additional support within school. We welcome calls from all parents and carers.



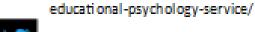
EPS Helpline

Telephone: 07741 331 009

Opening hours:

Every Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Webpage: https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/



FIND: Educational Psychology Service

@Redbridge_aep Twitter account.

Lost property wooden trunk in Reception

Despite our numerous reminders our lost property trunk by the main office remains full.

Please make sure you collect your misplaced items by this Friday (17 Dec) as it being the end of the term we will be emptying the trunk and all items left will be given to charity.



As well as items in the lost property trunk, we now have 9 pairs of glasses and a pair of BOSE headphones in the Main School Office.

If you have lost your glasses and you recognise them on the below picture, please come and collect them ASAP. Thank you.



Dates for the Diary

AUTUMN 2021			
Term	Friday 3 September	Friday 22 October	
Half-term	Monday 25 October	Friday 29 October	
Term	Monday 1 November	Friday 17 December	
Non Contact Day	Friday 8 October		
SPRING 2022			
Term	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022	
School Closure In Lieu of 3 June 2022	Friday 11 February 2022		
Half-term	Monday 14 February 2022	Friday 18 February 2022	
Term	Monday 21 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022	
SUMMER 2022			
Term	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022	
Half-term	Monday 30 May 2022	Friday 3 June 2022	
Term	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022	
Non Contact Day	Wednesday 29 June 2022		



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

15th/16th December—Christmas Lunch 15th/16th December—Years 7 –11 Flu Vaccines 16th December—Christmas Concert premiering on YouTube 4th January—First day of term, lateral flow testing 4th January—Year 11 mock fortnight begins

Students are still forgetting to bring in their face mask, lanyard, locker key and fob to school.

Please remind your daughter to bring these items in daily.