



Staplegrove Church School

UNIFORM POLICY

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from our school uniform supplier (currently Ace Clothing), whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is provided in the section below: School uniform list. In this section we have clearly stated which items are branded and only available through our uniform supplier and which items you are able to purchase from local shops and supermarkets.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school.
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- Identifies the children with the school
- Supports our commitment to inclusion
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind

Jewellery, Hair accessories and Headscarves

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are small ear studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Wherever possible children are required to remove any jewellery items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for pupils.

Headscarves should be plain navy blue or plain white and without embellishments.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes (no boots or trainers are allowed).

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing may be loaned an appropriate item from our welfare stock to wear for that day. Parents may be contacted to discuss the matter if incorrect uniform becomes a concern.

The Role of Governors

The Governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal

opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform List

Most items of our school uniform can be bought from High Street shops and supermarkets.

Some items which have the school logo on are sold by our uniform supplier South West Schoolwear, 144 East Reach, Taunton (01823 278080).

You are able to order online: <https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/>

The school PTA (FOSS) also sell good-quality second-hand uniform. Please contact the school office for more details.

The Official School Uniform

- a) Grey trousers/skirt/shorts/pinafore. In the summer, a navy/white Gingham check dress can be worn.
- b) Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt. Preferably this will have the school logo, however a plain navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt is acceptable. Hoodies are only permitted during the Summer Term for Year 6 leavers only.
- c) White or blue polo shirt.
- d) Black shoes - flat, sensible, supported style (not trainers). Boots are not appropriate for use in school; if your child wears boots to school please provide a pair of school shoes for them to wear at school.

PE Kit

- a) Navy blue or black shorts. In winter this can be navy blue or black jogging bottoms with a school jumper. No hoodies to be worn.
- b) T-shirt or polo shirt in the colour of your child's house.
- c) Sports Trainers
- d) Earrings should be removed or taped over for PE.

Swimming

- a) Swimming trunks or swimming costume (not cut-off jeans, Bermuda shorts or bikinis).
- b) Towel
- c) Goggles
- d) Swim cap (if required).
- e) Swimming bag

Other information to note

- a) All children are asked to bring a book bag to school so that reading books, letters and homework tasks are easily transported to and from school.
- b) Jewellery - we ask for children to only wear one stud ear-ring per ear and watch. Smartwatches with internet connectivity or cameras are not permitted to be worn.
- c) Hairbands should be simple and in school colours – blue, white or black.
- d) Hair dye used during the holidays should be non-permanent. Hair should not be dyed during term time.

- e) Nail varnish or false nails applied during holidays or weekends should be removed prior to returning to school.

Reasonable adjustment

The Local Governing Committee has delegated responsibility for allowing reasonable adjustment to the uniform policy to the senior leadership team. Special dispensation may be made by the senior leadership team for specific children depending on their individual circumstances.

Summary

The tables below summarise the clothing and equipment required, items that are optional and where these can be purchased:

School uniform:

Item of uniform	Supplier	Optional or required
Navy blue jumper	South West clothing (with logo) Any shop or supermarket (without logo)	Required
Grey trousers/skirt/shorts/pinafore	Any shop or supermarket	Required
Navy/white Gingham check dress	Any shop or supermarket	Option during summer months
White or blue polo shirt	Any shop or supermarket	Required
Black shoes – flat, supported style (not trainers)	Any shop or supermarket	Required
Navy book bag	South West clothing (with logo) Any shop or supermarket (without logo)	Required

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Navy blue jumper	South West clothing (with logo) Any shop or supermarket (without logo)	Required
t-shirt or polo shirt in the colour of your child's house	Any shop or supermarket	Required
Sports trainers	Any shop or supermarket	Required