



Stowford School Uniform Policy

Introduction

At Stowford School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. 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 take a pride in their personal appearance as members of our school community.

Items of uniform with the school logo can be bought online from 'School Trends' or locally in Ivybridge. Non-logo items are readily 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 (P.E.), is available at Appendix A.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers 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. The governing board will ensure that in developing and implementing the uniform policy, they comply with the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010, and take into account key considerations such as safeguarding requirements and the health and safety of their pupils.

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

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

The Role of Parents/Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and P.E. kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent/carer 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/carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help. This could include the provision of second hand items of uniform or assistance with applying for a School Uniform Grant (where available).

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a P.E. kit. Parents/carers may be contacted to discuss the matter.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the uniform policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent/carer would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher and then the Governors.

Stowford School Uniform List

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with* or without embroidered school logo)
- Plain white polo (with* or without embroidered school logo)
- Grey shorts or trousers
- Grey pinafore or skirt
- Blue and white checked dress in the summer term.
- Plain grey or black socks (not over the knee) or plain grey or black tights

Items marked with a * can be bought online from School Trends or at Lawsons in Ivybridge. Other items can be bought from high street shops and supermarkets.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

P.E. Uniform

Children will need to wear P.E. uniform to school on P.E. days:

- Black or navy shorts
- White T-shirt (with or without embroidered school logo)
- White ankle socks (separate from those worn with school uniform)
- A pair of non-slip trainers - velcro fastenings are essential for younger children
- Navy or black plain jogging bottoms and school sweatshirt for outdoor lessons in cold weather and for Wild Tribe

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for P.E. Your child's teacher will advise you when P.E. lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

All clothing **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing; please help by naming everything.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are small stud earrings in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

If hair is long enough to be tied back, then it should be. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be small, plain and either blue or black to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.

Extreme hairstyles are 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.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their P.E. shoes whilst inside the school building.

Because we spend a lot of time in our outdoors, it is also important for all children to have a named pair of wellies that are kept in a named carrier bag.

Stowford School Uniform List

Our uniform list for items with the school logo is held at School Trends (www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StowfordSchoolPL210BG). Items with the school logo are also available locally in Ivybridge (see Lawsons in Ivybridge, PL21 9AE). Non-logo items can be purchased from local shops and supermarkets.

Uniform (required)

	Navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without embroidered school logo)
	Plain white polo (with or without embroidered school logo)
	Grey shorts or trousers
	Grey pinafore or skirt
	Blue and white checked dress (in the summer term only)
	Plain grey or black socks (not over the knee) or plain grey or black tights
	Plain black shoes
	Any coat
	Book Bag (with* or without school logo)
	Clear water bottle (with* or without school logo)

*available from School Office

P.E. Uniform (required)

	White T-shirt (with or without embroidered school logo)
	Black or navy shorts
	Navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without embroidered school logo)
	Navy or black plain jogging bottoms for outdoor P.E.
	Trainers

	Wellies for outdoors (in a named carrier bag)
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Please contact the school to enquire about the purchase/provision of second-hand items. Sales of second-hand uniform will take place periodically during the school year.