



**Shipston-on-Stour**  
Primary School



# School Uniform Policy

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We believe that the wearing of uniform encourages children to have a sense of belonging and of being part of a community. It is an outward expression of the school's identity and promotes a feeling of pride, equality and aspiration. In addition, we believe that the wearing of a 'uniform', as opposed to leisure wear contributes to helping children understand that they come to school to work and learn.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Staff have a separate dress code.

## 2. AIMS

Our policy on school uniform is based on the following aims:

- To ensure that children wear clothing to school which is safe and practical.
- To promote pride in their school and a sense of identity and belonging.
- To promote the idea of Shipston-on-Stour Primary as a Learning Community.
- To promote the image of the school within the local area and the town.
- To promote equality by eliminating competition amongst children in relation to what they wear.
- To ensure that the uniform is simple, smart and reasonably priced.

In order to help fulfil these aims, extreme hairstyles would be considered unsuitable. Bleached and highlighted hair is discouraged. Long hair **MUST** be tied back for all PE lessons and for Forest School lessons and hair should not obstruct the eyes and face in lessons. Children may be asked to tie their hair back if it is considered a distraction to learning.

Plain headbands are permitted but oversize bows and bandana style headbands are not allowed.

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy and make sure that EVERY item is named. The school cannot take responsibility for lost property.

## 3. RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1 PUPILS

Girls:

- Navy skirt (knee-length pleated, pinafore or A-line, NOT straight tight skirts.
- Blue trousers or grey shorts, NOT cargo style.
- White school polo shirt with or without embroidered school logo.
- Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan with or without embroidered school logo.
- White or navy socks or navy tights.
- Sensible, low-heeled black or navy shoes, NOT trainers or open toe shoes/sandals.
- Black winter boots must not be higher than ankle length.

Summer Alternatives: -

- Blue and white gingham dress or playsuit, NOT a two-piece outfit.
- White ankle socks, NOT sport or trainer socks.

Girls may wear navy blue trousers or grey shorts.

Boys:

- Grey trousers or shorts, NOT cargo style.
- White school polo shirt with or without embroidered school logo.
- Navy school sweatshirt with or without embroidered school logo.
- Grey socks, NOT sport or trainer socks.
- Sensible black shoes, NOT trainers.

#### **4. KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS**

Girls:

- Navy Skirt (knee-length pleated, pinafore or A-line, NOT straight tight skirts).
- Blue trousers or grey shorts, NOT cargo style.
- White shirt with school house tie.
- Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan with or without embroidered school logo.
- White or navy socks or navy tights.
- Sensible, low-heeled black or navy shoes, NOT trainers or open toe shoes/sandals.
- Black winter boots, no higher than ankle length.

Summer Alternatives:

- Blue and white gingham dress or playsuit, NOT a two-piece outfit.
- White ankle socks, NOT sport or trainer socks.

Girls may wear navy blue trousers or grey shorts.

Boys:

- Grey trousers or shorts, NOT cargo style.
- White shirt with school house tie.
- Navy school sweatshirt with or without embroidered school logo.
- Grey socks, NOT sport or trainer socks.
- Sensible black shoes, NOT trainers.

Children in Key Stage 2 who forget their tie must borrow a tie for the day from the school office, and return it at home time.

#### **5. PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Children should wear PE kits to school on PE days.

All pupils should wear a house-coloured T-shirt with or without the embroidered school logo, navy blue shorts and trainers for PE. Shorts may have a maker's name on them but they should not be branded with a sports club.

For outdoor games lessons pupils may require football boots.

Blue or black tracksuits or leggings may be worn by boys and girls for Outdoor Games in cold weather.

Bermuda shorts and bikinis are not permitted for school swimming lessons. Girls should wear a one piece swimming costume and boys swimming trunks or shorts which reach no longer than mid-thigh.

Watches and earrings must be removed for all PE, Games and swimming lessons.

## **6. SCHOOL CLUBS**

Pupils representing the school at a sporting event should wear the school kit provided, if appropriate.

Pupils should bring a change of clothes for after school sports clubs, unless it is their PE day.

Pupils do not have to change back into uniform before leaving school, in order to maximise activity time.

## **7. ART AND CRAFT**

Pupils will be using a variety of materials for such work including paint, oils and clay. To protect clothing it is recommended pupils keep an overall of some kind in school; an old shirt with the sleeves cut down is ideal.

## **8. ACCESSORIES**

Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery or nail varnish in school.

Pupils with pierced ears are permitted to wear small plain studs or sleepers only.

Inexpensive practical watches are permitted.

We discourage wearing smart watches to school. If they are worn, they must be switched off on entering the site and handed into the class teacher on arrival. (see [Smartwatch and Wearables Policy](#))

## **9. ORDERING SCHOOL UNIFORM**

School uniform with embroidered logos, including PE kits are available online from [Price and Buckland](#). Items can also be purchased at local retailers and supermarkets.

The school has additional merchandise for sale such as book bags, caps and winter hats embroidered with the school logo. These are optional.

Second hand uniform sales and lost property displays are held regularly.