



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside the normal school hours. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear.

We respectfully request that before purchasing any item that is not specifically listed that you check with school to ensure suitability.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Is gender neutral
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children within the school and encourages identity with the school
- Makes the children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents

The Role of the Parents

We ask parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

The Role of the Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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 the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Jewellery

Children are permitted to wear a single studded earring, however these must be removed or covered for PE. Children are not permitted to wear any other jewellery for health and safety reasons. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch.

Haircuts and General Appearance

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other children. Long hair should be tied up at all times with minimal hair decoration. Nail varnish or any other forms of makeup are not permitted.

Footwear

Children should wear black shoes to school. Completely black smart trainers with a black sole and black laces are permitted. Opened toed sandals or high heels are not permitted. Boots are acceptable to wear in the winter months but these must be black in line with the policy.

Uniform

The Swallowdale Primary School uniform can be purchased by visiting www.yourschooluniform.com or www.tesco.com/direct/swallowdale-primary-school-and-community-centre/17658.school

All articles of uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan, preferably with the school logo - hooded sweatshirts are not permitted
- White or blue polo shirt, preferably with the school logo
- Grey, navy or black school trousers or shorts
- Grey black or navy straight or pleated skirt, or pinafore dress
- Summer/Autumn Term (until October half term) blue checked summer dress

- Grey, black, navy or white socks/ tights
- Black shoes or boots in the winter only - converse style boots are not permitted.

PE

- Plain white t-shirt with or without the school logo, but no other logos
- Black/navy PE shorts, no logo
- Plain black/navy jogging bottoms
- Plain black/navy hooded top
- Trainers for outdoor use
- Drawstring bag clearly labelled with child's name

Swimming

- Swimming trunks (not bermuda style shorts)
- One piece swimming costume
- Towel
- Goggles only with written consent from parents

Outdoor Provision

We ask that parents ensure all children are provided with suitable clothing for outdoor learning and play. In the winter months a warm coat, with a hat, gloves and scarf as appropriate. In the summer months an appropriate sun hat may be worn but sunglasses are not permitted for health and safety reasons. If a child is deemed to have inappropriate clothing for outdoor learning and play parents will be informed.

School Bags

Foundation and KS1 pupils should bring a Swallowdale School book bag to school every day. KS2 children should bring a suitable bag in which to put their homework book and reading book. All stationary is provided in school therefore pencil cases are not required.

