



# Uniform Policy

**"I am the vine; you are the branches.**

**If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit"**

**(John 15:5)**

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## Principles

It is Southminster Church of England School policy that **all** pupils enrolled at the school wear school uniform when attending school or participating in a school event outside normal school hours, unless informed by the school otherwise.

The wearing of full school uniform is expected as an integral part of the school ethos, positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride.

## Aims

Our policy is aimed to be fair and reasonable. A subsidiary objective is to prevent the cost or type of school uniform becoming a barrier that deters parents of any background from seeking a place at this school. We have formulated this policy to ensure that pupils are not disadvantaged due to any of the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Parents are encouraged to compare prices at general outlets and retailers.

Uniform, including optional lightweight or storm dry jackets, can be purchased via School Trends

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk>.

The school will consider exceptions to our uniform policy on religious and/or cultural grounds. These must be made in writing and submitted to the headteacher at least two weeks prior to the date that the exception is requested to commence. The headteacher's decision on such exceptions is final.

**Winter uniform** – Refer to images on the attached appendices

- ✓ Navy blue 'V' necked jumper/cardigan or blue sweatshirt preferably with school logo, (no other advertising logo will be accepted).
- ✓ Outdoor clothing should be warm and waterproof. Warm headgear and gloves worn outdoors is acceptable.
- ✓ Blue fleeces for outdoors are optional but are not acceptable as alternative to the sweatshirt.
- ✓ Blue polo top (**Reception only**) and white shirt (**Year 1 – 6**)
- ✓ Blue stripe tie (**Year 1 – 6 only**)
- ✓ Grey skirt/ pinafore dress (knee length or just above)
- ✓ Grey culottes (short shorts are not acceptable)
- ✓ Grey trousers (leggings are not acceptable)
- ✓ Grey or black socks
- ✓ Plain black, flat supportive sensible shoes or ankle boots. Shoes are to be plain with no coloured or standout logos
- ✓ No plain black trainers, long length boots, these are **not** acceptable.

In poor weather pupils may wear flat wellington boots or trainers to school and in the playground/on the field during playtimes but **must** change into appropriate black school shoes when in the school building.

### Footwear

Plain black shoes. We are aware that plain black shoes and trainers are very similar. Please note that the footwear below is acceptable as both shoes are plain black (without logos that stand out) and have leather (or synthetic equivalent) upper and not canvas or in the style of running shoe. Please be reminded that footwear should be the same all year round.



**Summer uniform** - Refer to images on the attached appendices

- ✓ Navy blue 'V' necked jumper/cardigan or blue sweatshirt preferably with school logo, (no other advertising logo will be accepted).
- ✓ Blue polo top (**Reception only**) and white shirt (**Year 1 – 6**)
- ✓ Blue stripe school tie (**Year 1 – 6 only**)
- ✓ Grey skirt/ pinafore dress (knee length or just above)
- ✓ Grey culottes (short shorts are not acceptable)
- ✓ Grey trousers (leggings are not acceptable)
- ✓ Grey shorts (short shorts are not acceptable)
- ✓ Blue gingham dress
- ✓ Blue gingham playsuit that matches our summer school dress
- ✓ White socks
- ✓ Blue, grey or black tights
- ✓ Plain black, flat supportive sensible shoes or ankle boots. Shoes are to be plain with no coloured or standout logos



- ✓ No plain black trainers, long length boots, open toed sandals or crocs, these are **not** acceptable
- ✓ Plain sun hat (to be worn outside only)

On hot days, at the discretion of the Headteacher / Deputy Headteacher, pupils may be permitted to remove their tie.

**P.E Kit - Indoor** - Refer to images on the attached appendices

- ✓ Blue crew necked short sleeved t-shirt
- ✓ Blue or black games shorts
- ✓ KS1 – plimsolls
- ✓ KS2 – plimsolls / trainers (not with flashing heels or wheels)

Inappropriate shorts or club shirts are not permitted

**P.E kit - Outdoor**

- ✓ Plain black or blue sweatshirt
- ✓ tracksuit bottoms and tops can be worn during cold weather. These should be plain and advertising logos discreet
- ✓ KS1 - trainers (not with flashing heels or wheels)
- ✓ KS2 – trainers (not with flashing heels or wheels)

Inappropriate shorts or club shirts are not permitted

**After School sporting clubs**

PE kits are not expected to be worn during after school sporting clubs. Children should wear appropriate attire as outlined by the member of staff leading each club.

**Swimming kit**

- ✓ Swimming trunks, shorts, briefs or full bathing costumes  
no bikinis or Bermuda shorts
- ✓ Swimming caps - compulsory for **every** child
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Hairbrush allowed but no hairstyling products

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused.

## **Jewellery and Headwear**

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school, except for small stud earrings in pierced ears, wrist watches or school badges, medals or stickers. The wearing of rings or any other body piercing is not permitted.

**Pupils must remove all jewellery before they take part in PE or any sporting activities i.e. dance.**

- Covering earrings with tape is not permitted.
- Pupils will be excluded from physical activity if jewellery is not removed.
- The child is responsible for the safe keeping of their own jewellery, as the school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons

## **Hair**

- Long hair is to be tied up.
- Hair accessories, such as bands, should be in blue/black/grey/white.
- Braided hair must not contain coloured thread/ ribbon and must not contain beads for health and safety reasons.

The school does **not** permit:

- inappropriate hair styles such as Mohicans, patterns, logos or designs shaved into their hair.
- unusual/unnatural hair colouring.

## **Accessories**

- Makeup, nail polish and false/gel nails are not permitted except for dressing up for non-uniform days or social events such as school discos.
- Hats, caps and hoods within school are not permitted.
- No sweat bands should be worn.

## **Watches**

Children are encouraged to wear watches. When children are learning to tell the time, watches with analogue faces are best. Children may wear 'fit/sport' style watches which measure physical activity of the wearer.

Children are **not** permitted to wear any device, such as 'smart watches' which have any of the following capabilities:

- Recording still or moving images/videos
- Recording sound, including voices
- Internet connectivity whilst on the school site

Any child that wears a watch, with any of the above prohibited functionality, will have the watch confiscated for the time that they are on the school site.

Repeated wearing of a prohibited watch will lead to increased sanctions.

## The role of parents

We expect all parents who choose for their child to attend our school to comply with our school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child has the correct uniform which is clean and in good repair and appropriate appearance.

If any parent wishes to make representation for special dispensations for their child wearing school uniform they should approach, in the first instance, the Headteacher by letter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons on religious, moral or health and safety grounds why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform or differ in their appearance, the school will consider such request fairly and sensitively.

To ensure that **all** uniform is labelled correctly and clearly. The school is not responsible for the loss of school uniform and no staff will be held to account for such loss.

## The role of the Local Governing Body (Local School Board)

It is the Local School Board's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.



## **Equipment**

Bags to carry equipment should be of reasonable size as space in cloakrooms is limited.

All cyclists should wear a cycle helmet.

If pupils bring in mobile phones, i-pods etc. pupils must turn them off when they enter the school site and hand them to the class teacher for collection at the end of the day.

Medicine must not be brought to the school by children. Medicine, including cough sweets, and medical equipment such as Epi-pens must be brought to the office (a form must be completed by parent/guardian for administration of medicine by school staff or self-administration by older pupils).

Sunscreen is permitted, must be administered by the child themselves.

No sweets or chocolate in school. It is also recommended that no chocolate or sweets are brought in for packed lunches.

No inappropriate books, DVDs or magazines should be brought to school.

No money should be brought to school unless for a specific admissible purpose. Money must be in a named/marked envelope and is the child's responsibility.

No toys or dangerous equipment such as knives are permitted.

The school will not be held responsible for the loss of equipment including sports and entertainment material.

## **Monitoring and Review**

The Local School Board will monitor and review the school uniform policy and will liaise, as necessary, with the Headteacher. Day to day monitoring of the implementation of our policy will be the responsibility of all staff.

The school will adopt a supportive approach and will follow-up on all breaches of this school uniform policy.

## **Equalities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies and allows for individual circumstances of all groups and individuals.

Southminster Church of England Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial or other intimidation and harassment and to achieve their potential.



Please be reminded that whilst school uniform can be purchased from School Trends (with school logo) this is not an essential requirement. Families are welcome to kit their children out following the guidelines within this policy using other outlets e.g. main supermarket chains.

**DRESSING KIDS FOR SCHOOL WITH CONFIDENCE**

**School Trends**

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Visit School Trends at [schooltrends.co.uk](http://schooltrends.co.uk) and use our school search to find your school. Now choose the items you want - don't forget your trousers, skirts & shirts. Place your order.

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## Appendices A

### Reception uniform



### Gingham dress (optional)



### P.E Kit - Indoor Boys and Girls

