



Stogursey CofE Primary School

‘Grow in the Grace and Knowledge’



School Uniform Policy

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Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to relevant legislation and statutory guidance including:

- The Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021
- DfE Statutory Guidance: *Cost of School Uniforms* (2021, updated 2025)
- The Equality Act 2010
- The Human Rights Act 1998

The school ensures that this policy is applied in a way that is fair, inclusive, and does not disadvantage any pupil or family.

Principles

In line with our Trust and School values and particularly 'Equity', it is our policy that all children should wear the same clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning environment. We believe that certain activities are facilitated by appropriate clothing whether in school, or when participating in a school-organised event. This policy has also been designed to ensure that uniform supports pupils' safety, comfort and participation in all aspects of school life, including playtimes and physical activity.

Aims

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

- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the Headteacher, Rachel Rood, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

The school will ensure that all decisions relating to uniform are made in line with its duties under the Equality Act 2010 and will take a reasonable and proportionate approach to any adaptations.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers
- We will do this by:
 - Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
 - Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
 - Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
 - Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
 - Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
 - Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
 - Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
 - Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
 - Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

The school does not have any compulsory branded items (sweatshirts/cardigans with a logo are optional) this is in line with current and forthcoming statutory guidance.

Access Statement

The school recognises that uniform should not act as a barrier to attendance, participation or inclusion. No pupil will be prevented from attending school or taking part in activities due to inability to meet uniform requirements where this relates to financial hardship or protected characteristics.

Expectations for school uniform

School uniform your child will need:

- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (Red for Year 6 – 2026-2027 academic year only)
- Grey - trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress (leggings are not acceptable)
- White – shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Green summer dress for the summer and early autumn (optional)
- Black shoes (laces only for those who are confident with tying them, no steel toe caps)
- Grey/white socks or grey tights

Leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted as school uniform.

PE kit your child will need:

- Black shorts (non-branded)
- Plain white T-shirt (non-branded)
- Black or white plimsolls or trainers (laces only for those who are confident with tying them).
- Black jogging bottoms (non branded) and a school sweatshirt may be worn on cold days.
- Swimming kit (KS2 only - no two-piece swimsuits)

Branded items (including football kits) must not be worn.

PE kits will be worn to school on PE days.

Where to purchase school uniform

School sweatshirts or cardigans with an embroidered school logo may be purchased from **South West Schoolwear in Bridgwater**.

Plain jumpers or cardigans and all other items are available to buy from your choice of high street shops or supermarkets.

Purchasing Second-Hand Uniform

On occasions, we will hold a pre-loved uniform sale at selected events. Details will be released through usual school communication channels. These clothes are accessible at all times in school, so please speak to school staff if you require items. – to start in 2026-2027

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. If children have pierced ears, a small pair of plain stud earrings may be worn. These must be removed or covered by the child for PE.

Note: If you are considering ear piercing, please time this to coincide with a longer school holidays. Children cannot take part in practical PE activities unless earrings are removed or covered. Watches are allowed to be worn, either analogue or digital. No smart watches.

Hair, Make up and Cosmetics

Hair should be appropriate for school and not present a health and safety risk.

This will be applied in a manner that respects cultural, religious and ethnic identities.

Hair ties, bands etc are essential for keeping longer hair tied back. However, they must be modest in style. Hair accessories like JoJoBows, Cats ears, unicorn horns, etc are not permitted.

Any child with long hair (shoulder length or longer) are required to have their hair tied up at all times.

Make up and cosmetics, including nail varnish/false nails, are not permitted.

All clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with your child's name so that lost items may be returned.

Expectations for our school community

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days or specific activities or trips) while:

- On the school premises
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the Executive Headteacher, Rachel Rood, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the Executive Headteacher, Rachel Rood, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Staff

Staff will monitor pupils to ensure they are wearing appropriate uniform. Where a pupil is not in correct uniform, a message will be sent to parents to seek support in resolving the issue.

If concerns continue, the school will contact parents to discuss any barriers and work together to find a supportive solution.

The school will take a supportive and proportionate approach to any concerns about uniform. Sanctions will not be applied in a way that excludes pupils from education or causes distress where there are valid reasons for non-compliance.

The school recognises that there may be financial or personal circumstances affecting uniform and will respond with sensitivity and understanding.

Governors

The local governor committee will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils

- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The committee will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Executive Headteacher.