East Stour Primary School



UNIFORM POLICY

Date of Issue	Next Review	Version	To be read in conjunction with	Updated Information	Signed Headteacher	Signed Chair of Governors
October 2026	October 2027	1	Behaviour policy, Attendance Policy, Home School Agreement.			

Background

The Department of Education has issued guidance to schools on 'School Uniform Policy' which allows us to update and remind parents and pupils of our own 'Policy'.

Importance of School Uniform

At East Stour we realise that school uniform can play a valuable role in the life of a school by:

- ❖ Setting an appropriate tone.
- ❖ Instilling pride.
- ❖ Supporting positive behaviour and discipline.
- ❖ Encouraging identity with, and support for, the 'School Ethos'.
- ❖ Protecting children and parents from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

It is our firm belief that the wearing of school uniform very much supports effective teaching and learning and a feeling of belonging.

Our Policy

We want to ensure that our 'School Uniform Policy' is **fair and reasonable** in practical and financial terms.

We want our uniform to be comfortable, appropriate and represent value for money for our families.

Our uniform may be bought from our nominated supplier through their online site (ambitionsport.com). Embroidered items are available but non embroidered items may also be worn.

Second hand uniform is available through our parent support team. Please email the school on flo@east-stour.kent.sch.uk if you would like support to find uniform.

We will also consider any request for an exception to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of religion, race, SEND or a medical condition
(https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/special-educational-needs/family/clothing-for-special-needs)

Where a pupil is not adhering to the school uniform policy, we will work with families to resolve problems that might be preventing a child doing so.

If there is a need to layer up due to a cold spell, then it should be a short sleeved white vest under the polo shirt.

When children reach Year 6 they are presented with their 'Purple jumper'. This sets them apart from the rest of the school in terms of their added responsibility and expectations. Purple jumpers are a privilege and this may be removed if a child's behaviour is not exemplary. SFA (School and Families Association) buys and supplies each child with 1 purple jumper.

Our School Uniform:

We have a non-gender specific school uniform:

General	PE
✔ Black Shoes or flat boots ✔ Black/Grey/white Socks ✔ White/black/grey tights ✔ White/Blue Polo Shirt ✔ Grey/black/navy trousers or leggings ✔ Black, navy or dark grey jogging bottoms or leggings ✔ Grey/black knee length shorts ✔ Grey/black skirt/pinafore ✔ Blue sweatshirt or blue cardigan (except Yr 6) ✔ Blue/white checked summer dress (purple for Yr 6) ✔ Waterproof jacket/coat with hood	✔ Plimsols are optional if your child is uncomfortable with bare feet ✔ House colour 'T' shirt (add houses) ✔ Black, dark grey or navy shorts ✔ Black, dark grey or navy sports leggings or jogging bottoms for colder weather ✔ Outdoor trainers for sports ✔ A black or navy warm hoodie or sports top for outdoor weather
Long hair should be kept tied back from the face where possible	

Jewellery:

Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school.

If children have pierced ears, ONE pair of discreet studs may be worn. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons or covered by tape that you provide yourself and the child applies.

Non-compliance with the uniform and appearance policy:

Parents of students who do not wear the correct uniform, may be contacted and requested to bring in a change of clothes for their child .

Nursery – School Uniform

Although uniforms are not compulsory in the nursery we do have a nursery uniform that the children may like to wear.

Both boys and girls can wear a sky blue school sweatshirt, white polo shirt and navy, black or grey jogging bottoms, trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses. Please choose something that your child can easily dress themselves in; such as an elasticated waist.

In summer; a cotton check dress or shorts is an alternative option.
All children need to have a pair of Velcro fastening shoes and a pair of wellingtons for outdoor play.

Parents should ensure that all clothing is suitable for independent toileting. It is also vital that everything is clearly named.

Summary

Our 'Uniform Policy' has been drawn up to make it easier for you to explain when your child asks for 'bright pink boots for school' etc.

It also protects pupils from having to conform to a particular dress code associated with anti-social elements or latest fashion trends.

Above all, we wish to promote a school identity that supports high standards and provides a sense of belonging for pupils.

We feel the 'Uniform Policy' will promote harmony among everyone in the school.

We need your support on this important issue and don't forget, all uniforms look the same so please put your child's name on each item.





