

East Stour Primary School



UNIFORM POLICY

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School Uniform Policy

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.

There is no doubt that the wearing of a school uniform very much supports effective teaching and learning.

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 via the front office. Embroidered sweatshirts are available but non embroidered sweatshirts may also be worn.

Our School Uniform:

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Black Shoes ~ Black/Grey Socks ~ Grey trousers/knee length shorts ~ (Black jogging bottoms are an option for reception children) ~ White Polo Shirt ~ Blue sweatshirt ~ Waterproof jacket/coat with hood ~ Jewellery: small stud earring and watches only ~ Long hair kept tied back from face. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Black Shoes ~ White/black/grey Socks ~ White/black/grey tights ~ Grey/black skirt/pinafore/trousers ~ (Black jogging bottoms are an option for reception children) ~ Blue/white checked summer dress ~ White polo shirt ~ Blue sweatshirt or blue cardigan. ~ Waterproof jacket/coat with a hood ~ Jewellery: small stud earring and watches only. ~ Long hair kept tied back from face.
<p><u>PE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Black gym shoes or trainers that must be kept in school for use in the hall only. ~ Plain white 'T' shirt ~ Black or Navy shorts. ~ Outdoor trainers for sports 	<p><u>PE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Black gym shoes or trainers that must be kept in school for use in hall only. ~ Plain white 'T' shirt ~ Black or navy shorts. ~ Outdoor trainers for sports

We will of course be flexible on our uniform policy, e.g. during periods of extreme weather.

We will also consider any request for an exception to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of religion, race or a medical condition.

We realise that there are certain fads; long scarves/fair-isle hats, etc. These may be worn to school but must be removed before entering class.

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 short. Please avoid any long sleeved coloured tops please.

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 may be taken away if a child's behaviour is not exemplary. ESSA (the school's PTA) buy and supply each child with 1 purple jumper.

Jewellery:

Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school.

If girls have pierced ears, ONE pair of discreet studs may be worn. KCC policy states that earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves they should not come to school with them in on PE days.

Hairstyles:

Hair should be one natural colour, no evident hair dye.

The style should be appropriate for school, hair should not obstruct pupils vision.

Pupils with long hair should be tied back to avoid head lice.

Tramlines, patterns and sculpting should be kept to a minimum.

Students must not wear:

Make up and nail varnish should NOT be worn to school.

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 .

Students who wear make-up/nail varnish or excess jewellery will be required to remove these. Items of jewellery will be confiscated by the teacher to be collected by the parent.

Footwear:



Some boys and girls, especially in the senior end of the school may wish to keep a spare pair of trainers in school for use in the playground or field at playtime.



Nursery – School Uniform

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



Both boys and girls can wear a sky blue school sweatshirt, white polo shirt and navy 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 for girls and shorts for boys is an 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 and equality among everyone in the school.

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