

Stoke Park Infant School



School Uniform Policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- › Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- › Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- › Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. 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 all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- › 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, Mrs Emma-Jane Charles who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

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 branded items, or 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
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, for example buying school uniform from mainstream shops in just the school colours, but not necessarily with the logo.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- 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

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

Our school uniform comprises of:

- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Royal Blue sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper
- PE – white T Shirt and Royal Blue shorts/ leggings or track suit bottoms/plimsolls
- Forest School – wellington boots

If you wish to purchase uniform with the school logo on this can be bought from School Kit either online or in their Eastleigh Branch. Second hand uniform can also be purchased through the school or via the PTA

We would ask parents to avoid large hair bows/hair bands with ears etc on them but to have appropriate hair accessories

4.2 Where to purchase it

Add details including:

- Parents and carers can purchase school uniform online from School Kit or at their Eastleigh Branch. The online link is <https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/238>

- The branch address and opening times are;

Schoolkit Eastleigh

31 Leigh Road

Eastleigh

Hants

SO50 9FF

Monday-Friday 9.00-5.00

02380 629095

- Information about second-hand uniform, for example:
 - Parents can also purchase second hand uniform directly from the school or via the PTA sales held regularly throughout the year

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

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

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

Parents of pupils are also expected to contact Mrs Emma Charles - Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 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 Mrs Emma Charles or Mrs Jane Brennan 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.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform so they can focus on their learning and feel part of the whole school community. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply by issuing a uniform reminder slip showing what needs correcting. If necessary this will be followed up by the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Breaches of Uniform consist of and include:

The wearing of nail varnish – this should be removed prior to attending school

Transfers or children's temporary tattoos

Anything other than a plain, flat headband, including those with animal ears (apart from on special days such as Christmas Lunch)

Boots, trainers, open toed sandals, slip-on shoes, big, character or boot slippers

Hair Dye

Make Up

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the headteacher

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board 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 board 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.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the governing body.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- › Behaviour policy
- › Equality information and objectives statement
- › Anti-bullying policy
- › Complaints policy