



Little Stoke Primary School Uniform Policy 2016

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Most items can be bought, at competitive prices from our uniform provider Initially Yours at www.initiallyyours.co.uk. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

Aims and objectives

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

- *Promotes a sense of pride in the school;*
- *Engenders a sense of community and belonging toward the school;*
- *Is practical and smart;*
- *Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and avoids fashion statements in school;*
- *Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered as good value for money by parents and carers;*
- *Is designed with health and safety considerations in mind.*

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are plain studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons or cover with tape to prevent them from causing injury. Children must be able to remove earrings for swimming lessons in KS2. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Long hair must be tied back and unless there is a charity event, hair should not be dyed. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be moderate in size and hair bands should not have large flowers attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Children may wear a small watch without sound effects.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or open toes. All children are required to wear **plain black shoes** as stated in the uniform list below. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be given an appropriate item from our own uniform stock to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted by phone or letter to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head Teacher.

The role of school staff

We will remind and encourage all children to take care of their uniform. We will provide a place for children to put their jumpers and coats when they remove them in hot weather and monitor this as much as is possible. As children move through the school they will be expected to show greater independence in taking care of their clothing and ensuring they remain looking smart. If you would like children to wear over-aprons/shirts in school when taking part in art-craft activities please provide these items for your child at the start of the academic year.

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy should be addressed immediately by any member of staff in the following way.

- In the first instance the class teacher or alternatively the school office staff will talk to the child regarding the explanation for not wearing the correct uniform.
- At this stage a letter will be sent home to parents/carers outlining what clothing item falls outside the policy.
- Where there is continued failure to comply with the policy parents or carers will be invited in to school to meet with a member of the Leadership Team to resolve the problem.
- Governors will be kept informed of instances where uniform is persistently not worn.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the school leadership team in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they have expressed their opinions about the policy;
- considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

School Uniform List

Girls
Royal blue jumper/cardigan/fleece with school logo
Royal blue or white polo-shirt only - with or without logo or white shirt
Royal blue checked summer dress
Grey or black school skirt, dress/pinafore or grey/black school trousers/shorts
Black shoes only - no heels Or plain black trainers - no logos
Black, grey or white socks/tights
Royal blue book bag KS1 Royal blue book bag or small plain backpack KS2

Boys
Royal blue jumper/cardigan/fleece with school logo
Royal blue or white polo-shirt only - with or without logo or white shirt
Grey or black school trousers or school shorts
Black shoes or plain black trainers - no logos
Black, grey or white socks
Royal blue book bag KS1 Royal blue book bag or small plain backpack KS2

Our school uniform colour is a combination of royal blue and grey/black. Most items can be bought from www.initiallyyours.co.uk or local shops. School jumpers, cardigans or fleeces should be purchased with the logo attached.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. *If trainers are worn these should be plain and black without logos.* Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. If boots are worn these also should be plain black.

Reversible waterproof coats, with the school logo, which are suitable for boys and girls, are also available from Initially Yours. Please note that children should not wear scarves, hats or gloves inside the school building.

Please help us by naming everything, as lost clothing can be costly and can be upsetting for pupils. Unlabelled, unclaimed uniform may be considered the property of the school and be donated, sold or otherwise disposed of.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw- string bag in which to keep the kit at school. PE kit and PE bags may be bought from Initially Yours or local shops.

PE Kit: (boys and girls)

- Plain black or navy sport shorts or jogging bottoms in winter
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- Daps/plimsolls/trainers which can be left in school

Policy Considerations:

The policy has been formulated with consideration of the following documents and guidelines:

1. Department of Education School Uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities (2013)
2. Section 88 Education and Inspection Act 2006
3. School Admission Code 2012
4. Human Rights Act 1998
5. Equality Act 2010