

Little Stoke Primary School



Uniform Policy

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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 Monkhouse (<https://www.monkhouse.com/school/little-stoke-primary-school-urn-131699>). A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed below.

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. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. We request that Long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back, and must be tied back for PE. 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. Smart watches are not permitted in school.

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 to your child's class teacher 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 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

General Uniform

- **Royal blue** jumper/cardigan/fleece (with logo if possible)
- **Royal blue** or white polo-shirt (with logo if possible)
- Blue checked summer dress
- Grey or black school skirt/pinafore
- Grey or black school trousers or grey school shorts
- All black shoes or all black trainers (shoes should not have a heel or any logos or stripes)
- Black, grey, navy or white socks/tights (plain, block colours)

Occasionally we have non-uniform days, but we will always let you know in advance.

Forest School Uniform

If the children have forest school in the morning, they arrive in forest school clothes with uniform in a bag to change in to before lunch. If they have it in the afternoon, they come in school uniform and have forest school clothes to change in to after lunch.

- Old jumper/t-shirt/trousers
- Wellies/Sturdy old trainers
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Seasonal: woolly hat, gloves, scarf, cap, suncream

PE Uniform

PE uniform is worn to school and the children keep this on all day for PE.

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain navy blue or black sports shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- **Royal blue** jumper/cardigan/fleece (usual school jumper)
- Black trainers or plimsolls

Swimming

Children will need to be provided with a swimming kit when it is their turn for swimming. Girls need an all in one swimming costume and boys need above knee swimming shorts or trunks. Earrings and jewellery must be removed for swimming. If children cannot remove their own earrings, they should be taken out before school. It is advisable for children not to get their ears pierced in the term prior to swimming lessons taking place.

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows children 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 including the sole and laces, 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.

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.

Up-to-date information about where to purchase uniform with logos can be found on the school website:

<https://littlestokeys.co.uk/parentscarers/uniform/>

Policy Considerations:

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

1. Department of Education School Uniform guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/school-uniforms>
2. Section 88 Education and Inspection Act 2006
3. School Admission Code 2012
4. Human Rights Act 1998
5. Equality Act 2010