



St Sidwell's CE Primary School and Nursery Uniform Policy

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This policy has been made in agreement with School staff and Governors and shared with parents.



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Introduction

Our school uniform is compulsory and all children are required to wear it. Our uniform is important to us, giving children a sense of pride and belonging to our school. We believe it has a positive impact on children's behaviour and commitment to the school. It also enables children to be easily recognised on off-site visits and the school is often complimented on the children's behaviour and appearance.

Several items bear the school badge, which represents our Christian foundation and our inclusive ethos. To keep the costs to a minimum, only the sweatshirt is an essential item with the school badge. Nursery children do not wear uniform – unless they wish to do so!

Expectations:

We expect parents and carers to support our uniform policy and ensure their child has the correct clothing for school.

Our uniform is:

- Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt
- Purple school sweatshirt or cardigan **with school badge**
- Black school shoes or smart, fully black trainers (no patterns or logos in white or colours and no basketball trainers).
- Grey or white short or knee length socks or black or grey tights in winter or white tights in the summer.
- Purple white check/stripe dress
- All children should have a sun hat in school during the summer term.

P.E. Kit:

- White t-shirt, with or without school badge
- Black Shorts
- Trainers (with Velcro fastenings for younger children. Plimsolls are not advised).
- Black tracksuit trousers optional for winter
- School sweatshirt should be worn with these.

Children will wear their PE Kits to school on PE days. You will be advised when these are.

Children in the Foundation Stage will not need PE kit until the summer term.

Jewellery:

Children must not wear jewellery to school for health and safety reasons. Watches may be worn by children but must be removed for P.E. Children are expected to take responsibility for their own watches.

Pierced Ears:

If children have pierced ears, gold/silver stud earrings only (one pair) may be worn to school. Parents/carers should note that even these can be dangerous and would cause injury if they became caught in something. Therefore, for health and safety reasons all jewellery, including stud earrings, **MUST** be removed for P.E. The children must be able to remove their own earrings – it is



not acceptable for them to be taped over. If the child cannot manage this independently, earrings should be left at home.

Parents/carers considering letting their child have their ears pierced, should do this at the start of the summer holiday as they need 6 weeks to heal before the earrings can be removed.

Earrings are not permitted for Children in Early Years due to the nature of their busy days, full of play.

Religious & Cultural Symbols

The school will work with parents/ carers to find a mutual agreement should this be required.

Hair:

Children should have smart haircuts.

Long hair (anything below the shoulder line) must be tied back with a simple hairband. Headbands are to be plain or material, no large headband accessories as they can be distracting in lessons.

Book Bags:

Children in Reception class & Key Stage 1 need a book bag (named) and it should be brought to school every day – even if a book does not need changing. Letters and other communication from school may be sent in the book bag. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a small rucksack.

Outdoor Clothing:

As part of our belief in high quality outdoor activities and playtimes, we require every child to have a named pair of wellington boots to be left in school at all times.

Children must also have a named waterproof coat / jacket

(Waterproof trousers can be purchased – if parents desire).

Availability:

Uniform is available from Thomas Moore in Fore Street, Exeter. Items without the badge can be purchased from any good clothes shop.

ALL clothes MUST be clearly named.

Parents and staff share the responsibility of encouraging children to look smart and to comply with our school uniform. Class teachers take direct responsibility for children in their class and will speak to children if the correct clothing is not worn. Parents/carers are expected to offer an explanation if their child cannot wear the correct uniform on any particular day and to ensure the correct clothing is provided as soon as possible.

Every effort is made in school to return lost, un-named school uniform to the correct owner, and lost property is laid out for children and parents at regular intervals. If unclaimed, some lost property is made available as second hand uniform and the remainder is sent to a charity shop.

All children are expected to wear the correct school uniform mentioned in this policy. If a child is regularly lacking the correct uniform, the Headteacher will speak to the parents/carers to ascertain the reason. If the family has financial difficulties, every effort will be made by the school to provide uniform. If parents/carers refuse to comply with the uniform policy for other reasons, the Headteacher will discuss this with the Chair of Governors who will take the following action:

- Convene a meeting with the parent/carer to discuss the reason.



- Agree a timescale for the parent/carer to comply with the policy and send their child to school in the expected uniform within one week.
- If the parent/carer refuses to comply, the Governing Body reserve the right, as a last resort, to ask the parent/carer to find an alternative school for their child. The school will liaise with the Local Authority should this occur.
- If the parent/carer is offered an alternative school for their child, the Governors will expect the parent/carer to accept the place and transfer their child at the end of that half term at the latest.

This policy was approved by the full Governing Body on

