



SURREY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning for life at Surrey Street where the social, emotional, spiritual, physical and learning needs of every member of the school community are met

Uniform Policy

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Surrey Street Primary is committed to promoting and respecting the health, safety and wellbeing of all our children and any adults who work in our school

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event inside or outside normal school hours. Items of clothing can be ordered from the school office and purchased from Prestige, at competitive prices.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, on our website and in this policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in ‘fashion clothes’ that could be distracting in class
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind.

Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

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 a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex or gender
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with a Family Worker, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Limiting the cost of school uniform

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
- 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 leveller
- 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

Jewellery and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exception to this rule are functional watches, plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears. Small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain can be worn, underneath clothing. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. School shoes should be black, hold the foot securely and should allow your child to run safely in the playground. Sandals may be worn in the summer provided they are substantial and fit the guidelines for shoes; jelly shoes, clogs and canvas shoes are therefore not suitable.

School Uniform Lists

Our school colour is red with white, black or grey



Black or grey pinafore dress



Plain grey or black school trousers- no pockets on legs



Black or grey school skirt



White shirt



Red or white polo shirt – with or without Surrey Street Primary logo



Red jumper
Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan – with or without Surrey Street Primary logo



Black sensible school shoes - **No canvas shoes or boots**



SUMMER OPTION



Grey or black shorts.



Red gingham school dress

Tights or socks must be plain black, white or grey when worn with shorts, skirts or dresses.

A hijab may be worn provided it is removed or tucked in securely for PE and is of an all-in-one design in red, white, black or grey.

All children require a book bag

Book Bag

Children are required to bring a book bag small enough to fit inside their drawer to school each day.

Please note: rucksacks are not permitted as there is insufficient space to store them safely.



Please make sure you put your child's name on their clothes!

PE Kit

Red drawstring bag

Please note: No rucksacks!
(These are too bulky for the coat pegs)



White or red plain t-shirt

(red ones with the school logo are available from the school office)



Black shorts

or

Black tracksuit bottoms with elasticated ankles



Trainers

for outdoor games
Standard trainers only with a good grip

Please note: canvas or high ankle trainers are not acceptable.



The PE kit is part of the school uniform and should be considered as important as wearing uniform during other lessons.

Your child's PE kit should stay at school until you want it for washing (each half term).

Please make sure you are aware of when your child has PE lessons so that earrings can be removed.

Swimming - Years 3 & 4 only

Swimming trunks

Combat or knee length shorts are **not** permitted in the pool



One-piece bathing costume

Bikinis are not permitted in the pool



PLUS

A towel in an ordinary plastic carrier bag



Level Trust – Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange is run by Luton charity Level Trust, which works in partnership with the school to give every child a level chance in education. They help children aged 3-16 by providing gift cards for school shoes and coats, running a Uniform Exchange 'swap shop' based in The Mall in Luton, giving out Learn@Home resource packs full of the things children need for homework, and running a summer school packed with exciting and enriching experiences. Please click on the link below to access further information.

<https://www.leveltrust.org/projects/uniform-exchange/>

Uniform Supplier

School uniform is available to purchase from the following supplier:

Prestige Uniform Shop
Unit 12
Barton Industrial Estate
Faldo Road
Barton-le-Clay
Bedford
MK45 4RP
Tel: 01582 883222

PE T-shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts, all with the school logo, and PE shorts, plain jogging bottoms and school ties are available from the school office.

Items without logos are widely available from chain stores and are inexpensive.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support in following the uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, that it is clean, in good condition and clearly named.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example observation of religious or cultural customs, why parents want their child to wear items that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

All items must be clearly named and we expect children to be responsible for their property.

The role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy and for considering any dispensation from observation of this policy requested by a parent. Should a parent be dissatisfied with the decision of the Headteacher then they shall have the right to make representation to the Governing Body.

The role of Governors

The role of the governing body is to support the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It shall consider representations from parents regarding this policy and liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform policy meets all national

regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that the policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy we will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations, and the outcome of those requests.
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Please support the school by complying with this policy. It our aim to work together with parents to ensure together we reinforce the ethos of the school.