

Sonning Church of England Primary School Uniform Policy



Aim of Policy: This Policy aims to clarify details of the uniform requirements for Sonning Church of England Primary School.

Description: This Policy lists the specific uniform requirements of Sonning Church of England Primary School. It also clarifies why our school believes that school uniform is an important part of the school ethos of high standards and achievement as well as instilling a sense of pride, well-being and equality within our school family.

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1.0 Introduction

At Sonning Church of England Primary School, it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy, and is available to view on the school website.

2.0 Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform reflects our high expectations and ensures the following:

- promotion of a sense of pride in the school;
- promotion of the school's core values;
- a demonstration of high standards throughout the school;
- a sense of community and belonging towards the school is engendered;
- being practical and smart and suitable wear for school;
- identification of the children with the school, aiding safeguarding;
- prevention of children from coming to school in apparel or accessories that could be a distraction from learning;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

3.0 General statement on uniform

Our school takes pride in the appearance of our children. The school requires parents to purchase school logoed uniform as we feel this helps to reinforce the school's identity. The school will notify parents by phone, email or send a uniform slip home if a child is not following school policy.

The school will actively work to ensure uniform costs are kept as low as possible and support families if at any time cost is a barrier to the purchase of correct uniform.

4.0 Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 Role of Governors

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy through the Achievement and Standards Committee. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors aim to ensure that the School Uniform Policy provides parents/carers with cost effective options as well as helping children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

4.2 Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support and uphold the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready to learn each day. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, correctly fitting and in good repair. Each item must be clearly labelled and the school takes no responsibility for loss of items.

If the school has a problem with any aspect of a pupil's appearance, parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.



The school is inclusive of 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 look sympathetically at such requests. Parents need to discuss these arrangements with the Headteacher.

5.0 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with 'micro pore' tape in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury. Pupils should not wear earrings if they are attending swimming lessons.

6.0 Hair

The school does encourage children to have sensible hair designs which do not distract other children from their learning. Hair accessories, such as hairbands, bows and clips, should be discreet and black, white, navy or grey in colour. Large bows or coloured hair accessories are not permitted. Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied up at all times.

Nails and makeup: We do not allow pupils to wear nail varnish or makeup in school.

7.0 Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe footwear that are black in colour. Boots should not be worn and trainers are only permitted for P.E. lessons.

8.0 P.E.

Our P.E. kit consists of a t-shirt and navy shorts. Children are to wear a t-shirt in their house team colours (blue/green/yellow/red), with the school logo on the front. In Key stage 1, pupils need to have plimsolls or trainers in school, and in KS2 trainers are worn for P.E. lessons. In the colder months, parents may wish for their child to wear a tracksuit (jumper/zipped jacket (no hood) and jogging bottoms). These must be navy and plain. Pupils need to ensure that their P.E. kit is in school at all times.

When children are representing the school for inter-school competitions, the school will provide children with school branded kit.

9.0 Sourcing Uniform

Our uniform can be purchased through one of our chosen online suppliers, with who you can set up your own account for orders:

Brigade Clothing Limited www.brigadeclothing.co.uk

School Days Direct Ltd [www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk](http://www schooldaysdirect.co.uk)

These companies have options available for all items listed as part of our required uniform, particularly clothing with the school logo.

Parents may also purchase clothing from their own chosen supplier. Most items of uniform required are readily available from supermarkets or department stores. School ties (navy and red stripe) are available online, or the school office keeps a supply of both standard and elastic ties. These are sold at cost price.



Appendix 1

Expectations

General Appearance - It is the expectation that at all times, shirts will be tucked in, top buttons will be done up and ties tied appropriately.

Extreme Weather - In unusually hot weather children will be advised to remove their ties and undo top buttons of their shirts.

Uniform Specifications

Winter Uniform



White shirt / blouse (* Children in Reception class- white polo shirt with school logo)

School tie: Navy/Red stripe (Elastic for Infants if preferred)

Navy V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo

Dark grey trousers with grey or black socks

Dark grey skirt/grey pinafore dress with grey tights or white/grey socks.

Black school shoes



Summer Uniform



The Summer uniform is optional throughout the Spring term (subject to appropriate weather). It is expected that all children will be in Summer uniform from May half-term.

White shirt/blouse (* Children in Reception - white polo shirt with school logo)

School tie: Navy/Red stripe (elastic for Infants if preferred)

Navy V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo

Dark grey shorts with grey or black socks

Blue and white check dress **or** grey pinafore dress/grey culottes with grey or white socks

Black school shoes



If your child chooses to wear a dress/skirt, you may wish to purchase plain, dark coloured fitted/cycling shorts to go underneath.



Accessories: Book bags should be brought to and from school every day, P.E. bags should typically stay in school (unless wet/excessively dirty) and will be sent home at least half-termly for washing. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a small rucksack or bag into school. Below are examples of school logoed bags available.



School PE bag



School book bag

* Please note: **one** key chain or labelling devise is suitable on bags or rucksacks.

