



Stockham Primary School Uniform Policy: 2023-2025

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Introduction

It is Stockham School's policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform is listed below.

Aims and Objectives

The aims of a school uniform policy are:

- To ensure that children wear clothing and shoes to school which are safe, smart and practical.
- To promote pride in their school and a sense of identity.
- To promote the idea of Stockham Primary School as a Learning Community.
- To ensure that children arrive at school ready for work as well as play.
- To engender a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- To eliminate competition amongst children in relation to what they wear.
- To help the children to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- To ensure that the uniform is regarded as suitable wear for school and is regarded as good value for money by most parents/carers.
- To promote the image of the school within the local area and the town.

The role of parents/carers

We ask all parents/carers to support the uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent/carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds, faith communities and with protected characteristics. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious or health grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governor's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations and school objectives concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Governors are conscious to ensure that our school uniform is accessible and reasonable efforts are made to ensure that it is affordable for all families.

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The Stockham Primary School Uniform

Clothing can be worn with or without a school motif. Uniform with school logo can be purchased from the official school wear provider. Uniform can be purchased without logos from all high street shops.

Good quality second hand uniform can be purchased for a small donation from [Friends of Stockham](#).

- Black or dark grey trousers (no leggings), skirt or knee-length shorts
- White or yellow polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Yellow and white gingham school dress/jumpsuit
- Black smart shoes (no obvious logos)
- A pair of indoor black plimsolls is required to be worn by pupils when inside school building.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and watches. We ask the children to remove these objects or if this is not possible, to cover them with plasters during PE and games. Watches need to be named.

Footwear

We want all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have high heels/platform soles, open toes or sling backs, so we discourage such footwear in our school. Flip flops or slippers are not appropriate for school wear and must not be worn. We encourage the wearing of properly fitted black shoes, but will allow the children to wear trainers to school and for sport. The colour of these should be predominately black, properly fastened, with no trailing laces and be in a clean and tidy state.

Hair or Hairstyles

Stockham School wishes to foster an environment of inclusivity and will not discriminate against hairstyles worn because of cultural, family and social customs that are part of a child's ethnic origin and therefore fall under the protected characteristic of race or religion. However, it is important that hairstyle, colour or accessories do not serve as a distraction to the child or other pupils. For this reason, children are not allowed to bring, or use hair gels or hair spray in school.

For safety reasons all long hair should be tied back during PE lessons.

Make Up and Body Art

We do not allow children to wear make-up in school; this includes nail varnish. Body art and tattoos including transfers and henna are not to be worn in school.

Physical Education

On health and safety grounds we believe that it is important for children to change into the appropriate clothing and footwear for physical education.

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- Black shorts / cycling shorts or Leotard
- House colour T-shirts
- Black trainers for outdoor activities.
- During the colder months black jogging trousers and school sweatshirts can be worn during PE

Swimming Lessons

When taking lessons with the school pupils should come prepared with a bag containing the following:

- Swimming Towel
- Swimsuit for girls/trunks or close-fitting shorts for boys (not below knee length)
- Swimming Hat (OCC rules)
- Goggles

Any spray (including deodorant and hair spray) are not permitted (if required roll on deodorants must be used).

Art Activities

When undertaking art activities pupils can get messy and should be in possession of a suitable apron or coverall for use during these lessons.

Forest school, golden time and special treats

Alternative wear can be worn during particular areas of the curriculum. The class teacher will let you know that these changes are in advance.

Monitoring and review

The class teachers in conjunction with the head teacher will monitor the uniform being worn to school by the pupils, to ensure that it falls within the school policy.

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through:

- Considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

(See policies for Equal Opportunities and Health and Safety)

Version History

Version	Date	Description of Changes -
1.0	October 2023	Issuance of the policy in new template with minor amends to previous version