



Our School Uniform Policy

with effect from September 2024.

Rationale

At Stow Heath Primary School, our policy is that all children should wear a school uniform that is in keeping with a focused learning ethos so all our pupils can 'Shine like Stars.' This uniform should be worn when attending school, or participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school
- Generates a feeling of belonging and develops a sense of community
- Makes children feel equal to one another in terms of their appearance
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be)
- Is considered as suitable for school, and is value for money, by most parents
- Is practical and develops a sense of pride, looks smart and is designed with health and safety in mind

Our uniform

Boys

- White polo shirt
- Striped tie
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Dark grey sweatshirt with school logo
- Plain black shoes (no trainers)

Girls

- White polo shirt
- Striped tie
- Grey or black pinafore dress, pinafore or trousers
- Dark grey cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo
- Black shoes (no trainers)
- Blue Checked Summer dress during warmer weather

We only require the sweatshirt to have the school logo on. All other generic uniform can be purchased from a variety of high street and supermarket retailers.





Uniform with logos can be purchased from Lads and Lasses School wear.

[Stow Heath Primary School | School & Work Uniforms | Lads & Lasses Schoolwear \(ladsandlassesschoolwear.co.uk\)](http://ladsandlassesschoolwear.co.uk)





PE Uniform

- Black shorts or plain black joggers or black leggings
- White Polo shirt (plain)
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Plimsoles for indoor PE

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 studs in pierced ears and small discreet analogue watches.

However children will need to either remove their watch and all earrings during PE, in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury. If children cannot remove their own earrings, parents should do this on the morning of their PE day before coming to school.

For safeguarding purposes, smart watches such as fitbits, apple watches or other similar devices are not permitted to be worn in school or on school visits. This is because often these devices have photographic or recording capabilities. Children will be asked to remove these devices if they are worn to school and handed into the main school office, in the same way that mobile telephones have to be handed in at the start of each day.

Extreme Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children e.g. hair colours; shaved designs; Mohawk cuts.

Hair styles should be appropriate for school; hair should not obstruct pupils' vision.

Long hair should be tied up. Hair accessories such as hairbands, should be discreet and black, white, navy or grey in colour. Children will be asked to remove excessively large hair accessories.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe shoes that are black in colour.

The responsibilities of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

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





Where school notices that this policy is not being correctly followed, parents will be contacted to resolve the issue so that their child does not miss out on their vital PE curriculum offer.

Following contact with parents, further compliance issues regarding uniform may result in children having to partake in learning in another year group during their designated PE time slot.

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

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. The school is considerate and sensitive towards the culture and religion of all its pupils. The school has the responsibility to balance and ensure the health and safety of persons using school premises along with the religious requirements of practicing Sikhs/Hindus/Muslims/other religious groups. Items of religious headwear may be worn providing they conform to a school colour (dark grey/black).

For health & safety reasons, the uniform policy does not permit the longer dagger like Kirpan to be worn by practicing Sikhs following 'Amrit'

Preloved Uniform

We have a preloved selection of uniform in school and will periodically hold sales for it in the hall. Should you require preloved uniform, please come and see the office and ask. You may also wish to purchase preloved uniform from charity shops.

We welcome donations of uniform when pupils have outgrown their items.

The responsibilities of the Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress appropriately, in clothing that is hard-wearing, practical and safe.

Equality

All children will be treated equally and fairly throughout the implementation of this policy.

Monitoring

This policy is monitored on a day-to-day basis by the Headteacher, who reports to governors about the effectiveness of the policy on request.

Review





The governors review this policy annually. The governors may, however, review the policy earlier than this if the governing body receives recommendations on how the policy might be improved.