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Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction and aims

This policy aims to:

- › Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- › Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- › Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, and gender.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- › Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- › Avoid listing uniform items based on sex
- › 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
- › Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments

4. Expectations for school uniform

We hope that all children will be appropriately dressed according to the season and the weather. Please mark all your child's clothing and check regularly to make sure the name has not faded.

Standard School Uniform

At Wiveliscombe Primary School, uniform is required. We believe school uniform helps develop a child's school identity and helps us to look smart. We do not wish your child to wear jewellery in school. However, any child who has pierced ears may wear sleepers or studs but we strongly advise that these be removed for P.E, games and swimming to avoid the possibility of the item becoming caught and causing an injury to the wearer or another child. All children are expected to wear the school uniform, as detailed below, and that their dress, including hair style, is appropriate to the school environment. Pattern or colour applied to hair is not appropriate. With regards to safety, all pupils with shoulder length hair or longer should have it tied up.

The school uniform is as follows:

- School sweatshirt or cardigan **with school logo**
- Plain white blouse/shirt or polo shirt
- Grey/black tailored skirt or trousers
- Dark school shoes (no trainers except for outdoor games)
- White, grey or black socks or tights
- Children should bring a waterproof coat and appropriate weather clothes (e.g. hat, gloves) to school each day

Summer Term Uniform:

- Green and white dress or grey/black tailored shorts (please note leggings or cycling shorts should not be worn)
- Summer sandals which must have backs (crocs are not suitable)
- Children should not wear jewellery (stud earrings only) or high heeled shoes to school.
- Children should bring suitable weather protection e.g. a waterproof coat/ sun protection

PE and Sport

It is essential that children have the correct clothing for PE and sport.

- Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor games
- P E shirts need to be the same colour as the child's house team:
 - Buzzards: red
 - Herons: blue
 - Magpies: green
 - Skylarks: yellow
- Dark shorts
- A long sleeved sweatshirt and dark tracksuit trousers for outdoor games (there should be no logos or text on the t-shirt, tracksuit or sweatshirt)

Swimming

- Girls: one piece swimsuit
- Boys: swimming shorts

Ordering School Uniform

School uniform can be obtained from Southwest Schoolwear.

You can order online for shop collection or home delivery by visiting the Southwest Schoolwear website, selecting the Schoolwear tab then search for Wiveliscombe Primary School under Primary School.

Alternatively, click on the link below:

[Wiveliscombe Archives - Southwest Schoolwear \(swschoolwear.co.uk\)](http://swschoolwear.co.uk)

Southwest Schoolwear shop also holds a small supply of school uniform and can be found at:
144b East Reach

Taunton

Somerset

TA1 3HT

Tel. 01823 278080

5. Uniform Expectations

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- › On the school premises
- › Travelling to and from school
- › At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- › Clean
- › Clearly labelled with the child's name
- › In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- › Their child's protected characteristics
- › The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- › Resolved locally
- › Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the Headteacher.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- › Is appropriate for our school's context
- › Is implemented fairly across the school
- › Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils
- › Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.