



**BARWICK & STOFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

Uniform Policy

Adopted: May 2025

Next Review: May 2027

1. 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 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

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 the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to contact the Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3 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
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- 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 (school logo) to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller

- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- 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

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

<p>Winter Uniform</p> <p>Burgundy jumper or cardigan. Formal white cotton shirt/blouse and optional school tie. Grey skirt or pinafore dress with white socks or grey tights Grey trousers with black or grey socks Black shoes, all-black trainers or black boots in winter</p>	<p>Summer Uniform</p> <p>School dress – red and white gingham Grey shorts with white, grey, or black socks Grey skirt with white socks Short sleeved white shirt/blouse and optional school tie Black shoes or all-black trainers</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>Navy, black or burgundy jogging bottoms – plain & unbranded Navy or black football style shorts – plain & unbranded White round neck t-shirt Maroon school logo sweatshirt Plimsolls or trainers</p> <p>Swimming kit when applicable – swimsuit/swim shorts (no bikinis), towel, swimming hat, goggles</p>	<p>Outdoor Learning/Forest school</p> <p>Wellington boots/trainers Waterproof jacket/coat Long trousers/leggings/joggers are required during sessions for safety reasons Waterproof trousers (optional)</p>

Hair, jewellery, and accessories

- Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and no dyed hair.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- No over-sized hair accessories. (School or neutral colours)
- No jewellery allowed except for a watch and only small, plain studs if children have pierced ears. These need to be removed during PE lessons

4.2 Where to purchase items

- You are able to purchase branded items, such as items of the school uniform with logos, from: South West Schoolwear, Yeovil <https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/>
- We will hold regular second-hand uniform sales on site, so that all parents/carers have the opportunity to purchase items.

5. Expectations for our school community

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 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 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 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 does not improve.

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

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the senior leadership team. At every review, the full Governing Board will approve it

