

Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School



Uniform Policy

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Review cycle: annual

Policy statement:

It is for the governing board of a school to decide:

- rules around appearance
- whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so, what that should be
- how the uniform should be sourced

These duties are placed upon all governing boards by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body.

The Government strongly encourages all schools to have a uniform as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- act as a social leveller
- reduce bullying and peer pressure

The Law

The Government has published statutory guidance on the [cost of school uniforms](#) which the governing board must have regard to when developing and implementing their uniform policy. It should be read alongside the Government's non-statutory guidance on [school uniforms](#).

Governing boards also need to ensure that in developing and implementing their uniform policy, they comply with the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010 and take into account key considerations such as safeguarding requirements and the health and safety of their pupils.

OUR POLICY:

Our Governors and parents / carers jointly agreed to the following dress code:

- A plain red or blue school sweatshirt or cardigan,
- A plain red or blue polo shirt,
- Plain grey or black trousers, skirt or leggings OR
- A red or blue checked school summer dress (weather permitting),
- Sensible shoes that children can fasten themselves (e.g. Velcro, buckles or slip on shoes).
- Appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather conditions (e.g. coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens).

On **P.E. days**, children should come to school in:

- A plain red or blue school sweatshirt or cardigan,
- Plain navy or black jogging bottoms or shorts,
- A plain white t-shirt,
- Sensible shoes that children can fasten themselves (e.g. Velcro, buckles or slip on shoes).
- Appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather conditions (e.g. coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens).

Branding – Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts with the school logo can be purchased from school or our uniform provider partner. However, the school does not require children to wear the school's logo. Plain items can also be worn as long as they are in keeping with the school's dress code described above. These are easily available via most main stream supermarkets and high street stores. **All plain items (such sweatshirts, cardigans, trousers, skirt, leggings and P.E. kit etc) must be free from any other commercial branding or logos.**

Jewellery – Ideally no jewellery should be worn in school. The school does not accept any liability for the property of pupils that is brought to school and insurance cover is not provided against loss, damage or theft. **All jewellery must be removed for P.E. lessons.** This is in accordance with the Local Authority guidance and the school's P.E. safety policy. Children wearing jewellery will not be permitted to take part in P.E. classes or after school sporting activities.

Wellington boots – School also asks parents / carers to provide a pair of wellington boots that can be kept at school for wet weather play days.

Naming clothing – Parents / carers should ensure that all items of clothing and belongings brought to school are clearly marked with their child's name and class. The name should be in a prominent place and checked regularly to make sure that it is still clearly visible. Naming items will help us to return any lost items to your child. Permanent marker pens are available to buy from our school office for this purpose. Items that are not clearly named find their way to our lost property.

Lost property – We find an awful lot of lost property in school. We do try to return as much as possible to its rightful owner. This is much easier when items are clearly named. Children and parents / carers can ask to check for items in the lost property. We also put the lost property out on the school yard and the end and/or beginning of each term so that parents / carers can look for items. Items that remain unclaimed are donated to our 'Pre-Loved' uniform collection.

Pre-Loved clothing – Parents / carers often donate uniform items that are still in good condition but are no longer of use to their children. We offer these for sale as 'Pre-Loved' uniform at the end and/or beginning of each term. All proceeds are donated to the School Fund and used to benefit all of our children. We are very grateful to receive clean pre-loved uniform items that are still in good condition for this purpose.

New uniform sales – We currently still hold some stock of new uniform items in school, which can be purchased from the school office. Our stock is being offered at 20% discount until it has been cleared. Please speak to Miss Marshall in the school office or pick up an [order form](#). A range of sample items are held in the office so that parents can view sizes and styles before they buy. If we do not have the item that you want in stock, parents / carers can also order school uniform items directly from [School Trends](#) at the following link: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StocksbridgeNurseryInfantSchoolS361EJ>

There are no minimum order quantities and your uniform order will be delivered directly to your chosen address.

Affordability – In an effort to ensure that our uniform is affordable, the school does not require children to wear items with the school logo. Plain items can also be worn, as long as they are in keeping with the school's dress code described earlier in this policy. These are easily available via most main stream supermarkets and high street stores. The school has also introduced the sale of pre-loved uniform, as a way to make items uniform items more easily available for families who do not wish to buy new. Please talk to us if you are having difficulty providing appropriate uniform for your child.