



Stainton C of E Primary School

School Uniform Policy

Mission Statement

'Love one another as I have loved you.' (Jn13:34)

'As a Church of England School, we encourage our children to live a life rooted in faith and love. We nurture our children to enable them to flourish and achieve their full potential academically, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually within a loving and secure environment.'

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¹ The Employer free to determine how to implement.

² The Governing Body/Board of Trustees or Proprietor free to determine review period. (DfE recommend annually)

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1. Introduction

Stainton CE Primary School believes a consistent school uniform is important for:

- Promoting a sense of harmony and belonging
- Promoting the ethos of our school
- Enabling pupils to be comfortable and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

Our policy is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Prevents children from wearing 'fashion' clothing,
- Is practical and smart.

This policy aims to:

- Clarify our expectations for school uniform
- Explain how we will comply with the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998
- Explain how school uniforms can be sourced

2. Legal Duties

The policy is written to ensure that we comply with various education and data protection legislation, as well as the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.

We have given due regard to the Department for Education's non-statutory guidance on school uniforms and statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms.

The **Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026** states that:

(1) The appropriate authority of a relevant school in England—

(a) may not require a primary pupil at the school to have more than three different branded items of school uniform for use during a school year;

"School uniform" means a bag and any clothing required for school or for any lesson, club, activity or event facilitated by the school.

An item of school uniform is "branded" if—

(a) it has the school name or school logo (or for an Academy, the school or proprietor's name or logo) on or attached to it, or

(b) as a result of its colour, design, fabric or other distinctive characteristic, it is only available from particular suppliers.

3. Roles and Responsibilities:

Governing Body

The Governing Body has delegated responsibility for the approval and monitoring/reviewing of this policy and ensuring that it is accessible, affordable and inclusive. When reviewing the policy, they will ensure it remains appropriate for our school context.

Staff

The staff are expected to monitor pupils to ensure they are in the correct uniform and to resolve any breaches through speaking to pupils and parents/carers. They are to take a mindful and considerate approach where families are experiencing barriers to complying with the policy.

Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring the uniform policy is consistently implemented and that staff understand what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy. They are also responsible for responding to requests for amendments for individual pupils on the basis of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

Parents/Carers:

Parents/Carers are expected to ensure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is presentable and clearly labelled with the child's name. If they have any concerns/difficulties with providing the required uniform, they are expected to make contact with the class teacher. They are also expected to contact the Head Teachers if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their child's protected characteristic(s) or the cost of uniform.

Pupils:

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times unless an individual amendment has been agreed, other than on specified non-school uniform days. This means on the school premises, travelling to and from school and, if specified, at out-of-school events or trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school.

4. Our school Uniform

All children (apart from Nursery age) are required to wear school uniform. Nursery children are welcome to wear our school uniform but don't need to. We suggest they wear something they are comfortable in and are happy to get wet/messy.

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- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
 - Jade Green Polo shirt with the school logo
- Grey or black trousers, 'school shorts', pinafores or skirts
 - Green and white summer dresses are optional
 - School shoes or boots (black and polishable)

Stainton CE School PE Kit

Children are asked to come into school in their PE kit on their PE days. These are communicated at the start of each term by the class teacher.

- Navy Stainton School T-shirt
 - Black/Navy shorts
- Trainers/Plimsols (preferably that can be fastened independently)

Optional Additional PE Kit:

- Navy Stainton School hoodie
- Navy tracksuit bottoms

Footwear

- For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear shoes with a high heel. To help keep the school clean, we ask that children have a pair of indoor school shoes (no trainers please) and a pair of outdoor shoes - eg. trainers/wellies etc.
- In the younger years (EYFS/KS1, we ask that children have a pair of wellies/walking boots in school for outdoor education.

Jewellery, hair ornaments, make-up and nail varnish

Jewellery in school is restricted to a watch and one pair of stud or sleeper earrings.

For health and safety reasons, all jewellery **must** be removed for PE or other physical activities. Teachers are unable to remove or replace children's earrings and any child wearing earrings must be able to take them out and put them back in themselves. If they are unable to do this then participation in the activity cannot be allowed.

We suggest that if your child is unable to remove and replace their own earrings, they do not wear any on the days they are doing physical education activities.

If your child is getting their ears pierced, please ensure this is done at the start of the summer holidays so they have time to heal.

It is advised that long hair is tied back, using plain hair bands, ribbons, hair ties or bows. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school, e.g. children should not have their hair coloured or dyed or decorative patterns cut into their hair. Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn.

Please name all items of uniform, it makes it much easier to reunite lost uniform with their owner!

5. Sourcing School Uniform

Some items of uniform can be bought from Sam Scott's of Penrith: (01768866961) <https://samscotts.co.uk/collections/stainton-uniform> where uniforms are already badged and may be tried on for size, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops and supermarkets.

As a school, we pride ourselves on reducing, reusing and recycling, so we have many pre-loved school uniform items. Each term, we hold a uniform sale where parents can come along and take any uniform items that are needed and leave a small donation in exchange. However, we are aware that uniform needs are not simply once a term, and we are more than happy to look through the pre-loved items at other times; this can be done by parents simply contacting the school office.
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