



**Stoke St. Michael**  
**Primary School**

Together We Are Proud, Together We Are STOKE

# Stoke St Michael School

## Uniform Policy



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# Stoke St Michael Primary School Uniform Policy

## 1.1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Items of uniform can be bought with the school logo on from South West Schoolwear, 23 Broad Street, Wells, Somerset, BA5 2DJ, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. and Outdoor Learning, is included in this policy.

## 1.2 Aims and Objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can or cannot be worn at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

## Our Uniform

We have standard items of uniform that can be worn all year round as well as additional items that can be worn during the summer or on days that the children do PE.

### 2.1 Standard Uniform

Navy blue school jumper or cardigan with school logo  
Yellow polo shirt with school logo  
Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore dress or skirt;  
Black or grey socks or tights  
Black school shoes  
Navy blue book bag with school logo (Reception - Yr2)

### 2.2 Summer Uniform – Term 5 & 6

As above except a blue/white gingham dress or grey shorts may be worn.

### 2.3 PE Uniform

Navy blue hoodie with logo  
White polo shirt or t-shirt  
Navy jogging bottoms  
Navy Shorts  
Dark coloured trainers

## General Appearance & Weather Adaptations

### 3.1 Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule is small objects of religious significance or stud earrings.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows and 'scrunchies' should be plain and in school colours. Hair bands should not have objects attached to them such as flowers.

Make up and nail varnish must not be worn to school.

### 3.2 Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, Heelys or high heels.

All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos and not trainers other than for PE days. These should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn these should also be flat and plain black. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted due to health and safety reasons.

### 3.3 Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. On hot days children will not be expected to wear jumpers.

### 3.4 Forest School

Children are not expected to wear school uniform on days that they have forest school. Instead the following guidance should be used to decide what 'home clothes' children should wear to forest school.

Temp°C	Base layer	Base Layer	Mid layer	Mid layer	Outer layer	Outer layer	footwear	Accessories	Notes
30° 21-30°			Long sleeved cotton t-shirt	Lightweight or cotton trousers			Walking boots/shoes or trainers	Cap or sun hat	
20° 16-20°			Long sleeved cotton t-shirt	Lightweight or cotton trousers			Walking boots/shoes or trainers	Cap or sun hat	Lightweight water resistant coat if wet
15° 6-15°	Vest/t-shirt on wet or windy days		Long sleeved t-shirt	Trousers (not-cotton)	Jumper/fleece & waterproof coat		Wellington boots		Waterproof coat & trousers on wet days
5° 1-5°	Vest/t-shirt	leggings or Woolly tights	Long sleeved t-shirt (not-cotton)	Trousers (not-cotton)	Jumper/fleece & waterproof coat	Waterproof Trousers	Wellington boots	Woolly hat & gloves	Warm socks (not-cotton)
0° -5 - 0°	Thermal Long sleeved	Thermal leggings or Woolly tights	Long sleeved t-shirt (non-cotton)	Trousers (not-cotton)	Jumper/fleece & waterproof coat	Waterproof Trousers	Wellington boots, or Snow boots	Woolly hat & gloves Snood or balaclava	Warm socks (not-cotton)
-10° -6 - 10°	Thermal Long sleeved	Thermal leggings or Woolly tights	Long sleeved t-shirt (non-cotton)	Trousers (not-cotton)	Jumper/fleece & waterproof coat	Waterproof Trousers	Wellington boots, or Snow boots	Woolly hat & gloves Snood or balaclava	Warm socks (not-cotton)
-15° -11 - 15° and colder	Thermal Long sleeved	Thermal leggings	Long sleeved t-shirt (not-cotton)	Trousers (not-cotton)	Jumper/fleece & waterproof coat	Waterproof Trousers	Snow boots	Woolly hat & gloves Snood or balaclava	Warm socks (not-cotton)

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **4.1 The Role of Parents/Carers**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is clearly written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head of School.

### **4.2 The role of staff**

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries.

### **4.3 The Role of Partners**

The Local Partnership Board supports the school in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Executive Head and Head of School to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Partner's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Partners ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **4.4 Lost Property**

It is the responsibility of the parents/carers to ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name so that any lost items can be quickly returned to the child. Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Pupils and families are encouraged to speak to the Operations Team to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

If items are not reclaimed they will be added to our 'spare uniform' store or donated to another family.

## **Exceptions and Non-Compliance**

### **5.1 Special Circumstances**

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Executive Head and/or the Head of School will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

## 5.2 Persistent non-wearing of uniform

We would always contact families of children who persistently do not wear school uniform to try and ascertain the reason for this. We would deal with each child/family on a case-by-case basis, but it remains our policy that school uniform should be worn.

## 5.3 Help Providing Uniform

There is a Facebook page which has been set up for and is run by parents within the school. This is where many parents go to look for second hand uniform:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199833723419991/>.

We also sometimes have a few bits and pieces in the office so please ask the Operations Team if you need anything.

## Nursery and Preschool

### 6.1 Nursery and Preschool Children

There is no expectation for our nursery or preschool children to wear school uniform however, if your child would like to wear a navy jumper or hoodie with the school logo on it these are available to buy from our uniform supplier: <https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/>