



Living life in all its fullness











School Uniform Policy 2025-26

School uniforms have been a part of educational systems, in various forms, for many years. They play an important role in shaping the environment and culture within school. Uniforms encourage equality among pupils, reducing potential distractions caused by varied attire. The concept of school uniforms supports an increased sense of belonging and pride among students. School uniform promotes equality and inclusion as it places children on a level playing field, reducing the pressure to wear the latest fashionable brands. When everyone wears the same clothing, it fosters a community spirit, helping each pupil feel part of something bigger- our Shustoke family.

Our uniform is central to building our sense of belonging among children, staff and parents, as well as the local community. When children wear a uniform, as well as gaining a sense of pride, we find that the uniform improves discipline and concentration. Wearing a uniform sets a boundary by placing a pupil in a 'working environment' mindset and helps them separate their home and school life.







Our Uniform

Having chosen Shustoke C of E Primary School, parents are 'signing –up' to all of our expectations for school uniform. The school uniform is:

-  Royal blue jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without school logo)
-  Grey skirt/pinafore (knee length)
-  Grey trousers (no logo, sequins, or patterns)
-  Smart **knee length** shorts in the (Summer only, and not with tights)
-  Royal blue polo shirt (with or without school logo)
-  Blue and white gingham dresses (Summer)
-  Black sensible shoes (no sandals or trainers or heeled shoes)
-  Plain black grey or white socks or tights
-  A warm winter coat
-  A sun hat

Children may come to school in their P.E. uniform on days that the class has P.E. It is important that the children look just as smart on these days, therefore our P.E. uniform has been designed to complement the main uniform.

Our P.E. uniform is:

-  **Plain**, black joggers (**no logo or leggings**)
-  Plain, black school shorts (**no tight cycling shorts or leggings**)
-  Plain, royal-blue, round-necked t-shirt (with or without school logo)
-  Plain, royal-blue hoody (with or without school logo)
-  Plain, black trainers (no logos, stripes, or coloured soles)
-  Plain, black plimsolls (to be kept in school for indoor P.E.)

If your child needs an adaptation due to a protected characteristic such as a disability, please contact the school.

Uniform is more than just clothes. It also applies to jewellery, nails, hairstyles and footwear. All of these are equally important, in setting the standard expected within our school. Children will be required to remove any unsuitable jewellery, and offered a change of clothing from spares if necessary.

Hairstyles

- ✚ Boys and girls hairstyles need to be traditional rather than fashion statement hairstyles e.g. those worn by celebrities and sports personalities– no shorter than No.2 grade clipping.
- ✚ We **do not** accept shaven tramlines/patterns/shapes/ shaved partings.
- ✚ Large hair accessories **should not be worn** (e.g. large, multi-coloured flowers/bows/clips/headbands worn in the hair and wraps and beading that could get caught in equipment and apparatus).
- ✚ Wide headbands or headscarves, although not part of the general school uniform, are acceptable in place of a sun hat as part of sun protection during the Summer Term.
- ✚ Long hair needs to be tied back for PE (boys and girls).
- ✚ Hair colouring and perms are not acceptable.

Jewellery

Safety standards are important in school and jewellery presents a safety hazard. We would prefer children **not to wear any jewellery whatsoever in school**, for health and safety reasons.

However, we do permit a watch and **one pair of small, plain stud earrings** (such as the type used when ears are first pierced). These should be removed at home on the days when your child has swimming or P.E. lessons. Novelty watches, including Sports Performance Watches, or fashion earrings cause distraction and are not appropriate. As part of our mobile phone free policy, smart watches are not permitted in school.

All other jewellery, including bracelets or necklaces, are not allowed in school.

If you do decide to have your child's ears pierced, may we request that this is done at the beginning of the Summer Holidays so that they are sufficiently healed for the earrings to be removed for P.E. and swimming, at the beginning of the Autumn Term?

We want pupils to regard their time in school as important and we believe that wearing sensible and suitable clothes is a mark of respect for themselves and their school. With parental support, we can encourage our pupils to adopt the right attitude to learning and to school, and prepare them for the next stage in their education and beyond.



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