



St Swithun's CE Primary School

School Uniform Policy

At St Swithun's, we set ourselves the highest standards in everything we do. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging that it creates.

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a strong sense of community;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports the school in maintaining our high standards of behaviour;
- prevents competition and additional cost to parents;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Children are at all times ambassadors for the school, and never more so than when larger groups are on school trips. We hope that the children will wear their uniform with pride, as it identifies them as pupils of St Swithun's School.

Uniform

- Bottle green sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan, preferably with the school logo.
- For Year 6 pupils only: black sweatshirt preferably with the school logo.
- White polo shirt (preferably with the school logo) or white shirt/blouse (with collar).
- Dark grey or black tailored trousers, skirt or pinafore. No casual trousers, no jeans, including 'skinny jeans', leggings, or shorts worn with tights. Skirts or pinafore dresses should be approximately knee length.
- Plain grey or white socks or tights.
- Black flat, sensible, safe school shoes. No trainers.
- In inclement weather, children should come to school in a warm, waterproof coat.

Summer Options

- Dark grey or black tailored shorts, worn with socks (not tights).
- Green and white checked summer dress.
- Black or white sandals (with backs).
- Any cap or hat to protect from the sun.

PE Kit

For health and safety reasons, children must have a change of clothes for PE.

St Swithun's School red hooded sweatshirt

T-shirt (Reception): plain, round-necked white T-shirt

T-shirt (Years 1 to 6): plain, round-necked T-shirt, in house colour (preferably with the school logo):

Red Kite – red
Osprey – gold/yellow
Peregrine – green
Merlin – royal blue

Plain black shorts

Plain black tracksuit bottoms or jogging bottoms

Trainers

PE kits should be in school every day. They should be kept in a drawstring bag (not a rucksack, due to lack of cloakroom space) and taken home each holiday, or more frequently if required, to be washed.

Please note that no items of school uniform should have a visible commercial logo.

Swimming Kit (Year 3)

Girls: a full one-piece swimming costume (no bikinis)

Boys: swimming trunks (close-fitting, not baggy shorts, as these hamper stroke development)

All jewellery must be removed before coming to school. If earrings cannot be removed, they must be taped with plasters.

Please ensure that **all** uniform is **clearly named** with a name label or an indelible ink pen. All named lost property will be returned to its owner. Un-named lost property will be placed in a box near the hall in both buildings. The boxes will be emptied at the end of every half term.

Additional Notes

Suppliers

School uniform can be purchased from various suppliers. Simply Schoolwear (simplyschoolwear.co.uk) and Price & Buckland (pbparentsonline.co.uk/stswithunprimary) have a full, approved range of items with the school logo.

Other items

Other items of school equipment are available. These include:

Book bag (available from the school office)

PE kit bag

Reversible waterproof jacket

Sun hat

Fleece hat

Hair

Long hair should be tied back. This is so that it does not distract from learning and for hygiene reasons. Hairstyles should not be attention-seeking, eg extreme styles or dyed hair are neither appropriate nor acceptable for children of primary school age.

Hair bands should be discreet, plain and in the school colours of dark green or black.

Jewellery and Make-up

Jewellery is limited to a watch (which must be removed for PE) and plain stud earrings (not more than 4mm wide). We recommend that earrings are removed for PE; however, we allow small studs, but only at the risk of the wearer.
No make-up, including nail varnish.

Religious requirements and race equality

The Governing Body at St Swithun's Primary School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Headteacher and the Governing Body.