


School Uniform Policy	 Southwold School
Policies and Procedures	

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Introduction

At Southwold School and Nursery, we have the highest expectations from our pupils with regards to school uniform and appearance. We strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school.

Uniform Guidelines

Boys

Burgundy sweatshirt
 White or burgundy polo shirt
 Dark grey or black trousers
 Grey or black socks
 Sensible black outdoor shoes/ black trainers
 Dark grey or black shorts (optional during summer)
 Fleece with school logo (optional)

Girls

Burgundy sweatshirt/ cardigan
 White or burgundy polo shirt
 Dark grey or black trousers
 Dark grey or black skirt / pinafore dress / culottes
 Grey or black tights
 Grey, black or white socks (ankle socks or below the knee)
 Sensible black outdoor shoe/ black trainers (not flip flops or open toed sandals)
 Red / burgundy or yellow check summer dress (optional during summer)
 Fleece with school logo (optional)

It is not a requirement for uniform to have a school logo on, but we prefer the school sweatshirts/ cardigans and polo shirts to. If you wish to have the clothing with the logo, please use our school's identified uniform retailer.

PE Kit

White or burgundy t-shirt
Black shorts
Black sweatshirt
Black jogging bottoms
Trainers or plimsolls

Swimming

Swimming costume (one-piece for girls)
Swimming hat (available from the School Office)
Large towel

Goggles: Oxfordshire County Council discourage the use of swimming goggles during lessons. Whilst goggles may make a child feel comfortable in the pool while they are learning to swim, if they accidentally end up in water, it is unlikely they will be wearing them. It is vital that children are comfortable swimming with or without goggles. Parents are responsible for requesting permission that their child can wear goggles each academic year. The swimming instructor and/or teacher for the group is responsible for determining whether any child wearing goggles is using them safely and for a positive purpose. If they are not, then the goggles will be removed. The swimming instructor will ultimately decide whether the wearing of goggles is appropriate for the activity being undertaken.

Accessories

Belts must be plain and black. We understand that trousers, and sometimes skirts, require the use of a belt. No other accessories should be worn to school.

Sun hats should be worn outside during sunny days. We recommend a legionnaires cap, so their head and neck are protected.

Long hair must be tied back using a hair accessory in school colours (Burgundy, black or white)

Make-up, nail polish and tattoos (temporary or permanent) are not permitted.

Mobile phones- see our mobile phone policy.

Bags School logo Book Bags or any coloured Back Packs are optional, however, if your child is bringing a packed lunch every day, we recommend a backpack to carry all.

Outdoor

During the winter and wet months please ensure your child has an appropriate outdoor jacket. We use our outdoor learning environment in all weathers.

Jewellery

For safety reasons we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. The school cannot be held responsible for lost items.

Earrings can be worn if they are studs except for PE. Although we understand that some children may have pierced ears, Oxfordshire County Council Health, and Safety policy states that **no** jewellery should be worn during PE, or swimming lessons. Children should not wear earrings on days when they have PE or swimming lessons, otherwise the earrings will need to be removed or covered. Parents will be asked to provide Micropore tape for children who have recently had their ears pierced.

Watches can be worn if they are slimline and not a distraction to the child's learning. Smartwatches with camera facilities and independent access to the internet must not be worn due to our safeguarding responsibilities.

Spare Clothes If your child is in Nursery or Reception, please ensure they always have a spare change of clothes in their bag.

If for cultural reasons, parents wish their child to wear a particular type of clothing during the school day, this is absolutely fine. Examples include a turban, headscarf, or a PE kit that includes longer-length trousers. These should be in the school colours burgundy, black, grey or white.

Southwold Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Children should follow the policy of the gender with which they identify.

Lost property

It is vital that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Many items go missing during the school day, during PE or playtimes and cannot be returned to the owner if there is no name label. Please take the time to **name your child's school clothing** (including their P.E kit) as we cannot accept responsibility for any losses.

Any items of lost property are kept in our lost property containers, which are located outside of the Headteacher's office window. Items will be disposed of on a fortnightly/ termly basis.

Compliance

We expect all our pupils, with the support of their parents, to follow the uniform guidance outlined above. If a pupil's uniform does not comply, the class teacher will send home a letter making it clear which aspect of the uniform policy is not being followed and asking parents to help us. If there is no improvement, the Headteacher will meet with the parent to find a way of resolving the issue.