STANWIX SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM/APPEARANCE POLICY

Safeguarding Statement

"Stanwix School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and visitors to share this commitment." At Stanwix School we recognise the importance of our strong, cohesive, unique identity and in creating a sense of belonging for all children. School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform (including P.E. kit) when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

AUTHORITY

There is no legislation in place that deals specifically with school uniform or other aspects of appearance. Nevertheless, Stanwix Primary School has considered the DfE guidance, Equalities Act 2010 and Human Rights Act 1998 in formulating this policy.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Stanwix Primary School gives high priority to the highest possible standards of pupil behaviour and attitudes to teaching and learning. A strict uniform policy assists the delivery of such standards.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- 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.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Governing Body supports the Head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring the fair application of this policy. The Head teacher can punish children for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. The Head Teacher may

ask the child to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. When making this decision the Head teacher will consider the child's age and vulnerability, the ease and time it will take and the availability of the child's parents. This is not an exclusion but an authorised absence. If a pupil continues to breach the uniform rules then absence may be counted unauthorised. In either case the parents must be notified and the absence should be recorded. In considering exclusion of a pupil for breaches of uniform rules, the Head teacher will ensure that this is in line with the legal requirements for exclusion.

Each class teacher has a responsibility to check that all children comply with the uniform code. Where children breach this code, the teacher will issue a letter to parents asking for their support in immediately correcting the child's uniform.

Parents who send their children to our school are asked to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform which includes P.E. kit, and that it is clean and in good repair. 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 the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

Reception Children

White polo shirt with no tie.
Grey trousers, grey pinafore or skirt.
Smart, sensible shoes that can be polished in black with low heels.
Trainers and similar sports-type shoes are not acceptable.
Grey cardigan or 'V' neck jumper.
In Summer and during the first half of Autumn term a white polo shirt or blue gingham dress with plain white socks may be worn. Also, girls may wear a white cardigan and sandals.

Years 1 to 6

Dark grey trousers , grey pinafore or skirt (grey tights may be worn).
White shirt or blouse.
Grey cardigan or 'V' neck jumper.
Stanwix School tie.

Smart, sensible shoes that can be polished in black with low heels.
Trainers and similar sports-type shoes are not acceptable.

In Summer and during the first half of Autumn term a white polo
shirt or blue gingham dress with plain white socks may be worn instead of a shirt and tie. Also, girls may wear a white cardigan and sandals with socks.

Sports Uniform

A yellow 'T-shirt' with black or navy shorts.
Velcro trainers should be worn for PE lessons in the infants. Juniors may wear clean trainers when they can tie their own laces. Sports kit should be carried in a plain shoe bag on a drawstring.

Years 3 to 6 Outdoor Sports

Warm clothing can be worn over indoor sports uniform, yellow top with plain black or navy leggings or jogging pants. Outdoor trainers. Plain black or navy hoodie/jumper.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. Children **must** be able to remove earrings by themselves. Children must remove all jewellery during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

Make-up

The wearing of any form of make-up is prohibited, this includes nail varnish. Any children wearing make-up will be asked to remove it immediately.

Hair

All children boys and girls are required to tie hair up when it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair accessories should be kept simple and in the school colours.

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. These include:

Patterns cut into the hair

Hair dyed either wholly or partly

Minimum use of guard 2 (6mm)

No tram lines.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear trainers or shoes that have platform soles, high heels, or flimsy footwear, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We require all children to wear sensible black coloured shoes that can be polished. See attached pictorial guide.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010
- DfE School Uniform Guidance 2012
- Education Act 2002 – Section 21
- Education and Inspections Act 2008 – Section 8
- Inclusion & SEN Policy
- Single Equality Policy and all associated equality policies
- School Prospectus

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy annually.

Signed (Head Teacher):	Signed (Chair of Governors):
January 2022	January 2022
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Acceptable Shoes -Plain black school shoes which can be polished

This DOES NOT include any shoes that you cannot polish, fabric shoes, trainers, pumps, plimsolls, shoes with heels, shoes with any marking or logo or different coloured stitching. See examples below:
















Unacceptable footwear


















