

Sywell CE Primary School

Uniform Policy 2023

'Working Together in God's Hands'

1 Introduction

1.1 We believe that school uniform is a fundamental aspect of school life. Having a consistent school uniform influences the wellbeing and behaviour of the pupils and ensures that the school is inclusive. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending Sywell CE Primary 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 on our school website, and is also detailed in Appendix A of this policy.

2 Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 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.

The Governing Body at Sywell CE Primary School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions or if related to a diagnosed medical issue. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and Governing Body.

3 Jewellery and make-up

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are **small plain stud** earrings in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and a watch. The children are to remove these objects before PE or games. If children cannot remove these items by themselves then they will not be allowed to take part in PE and parents will be informed. The wearing of make-up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos is not permitted.

4 Extreme Hairstyles

4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children; this includes, but is not limited to, Mohican cuts, dyed hair and logos or patterns shaved into very short hair. Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back with a plain bobble (girls and boys) and hair should not cover the eyes. Green gingham hair bands and scrunchies / green hair clips may be worn, but overly large and elaborate hair accessories are not permitted.

5 Footwear

5.1 The school want all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, strappy open toed sandals, sling backs or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers, or any variations of trainers, to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear sensible, smart shoes. All shoes should be black and low-heeled, in leather or of leather appearance. Boots and canvas shoes are not permitted. Dark trainers are to be worn for outdoor PE in order to ensure that children's feet are protected.

6 The role of parents

6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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 that fits, and that it is clean and in good repair.

7 The role of Governors

7.1 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.

7.2 It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and Review

8.1 When monitoring this policy, the Governors will:

- consider, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- require the Head Teacher to report to the Governors on the way in which the policy is implemented.

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Daily School Uniform

Boys

- Bottle green sweatshirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- White or bottle green polo shirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- Grey tailored trousers or shorts (no denim)
- Black, grey or white socks
- Black shoes

Girls

- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (plain or with Sywell logo)
- White or bottle green polo shirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- Grey pinafore dress or skirt or tailored trousers or culottes (no denim)
- Green and white gingham dress (summer only)
- Black, grey or white socks (with or without a plain or green gingham frill) or grey or bottle green tights
- Black shoes

PE Kit

- Short sleeved white crew neck t-shirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- Black shorts for indoor PE
- Light grey sweatshirt (plain or with Sywell logo)
- Black tracksuit jogging bottoms for outdoor PE (plain, no brand logos)
- Plimsolls for indoor PE and dark trainers for outdoor PE
- Spare socks (especially for girls who regularly wear tights)

Swimming (years 3 & 4 only)

- Girls: one-piece costume, swim hat, towel
- Boys: fitted trunks (no loose shorts), swim hat, towel

All pupils require a weather appropriate coat/waterproof jacket with them every day.

There is no obligation to purchase clothing with the school logo, although if sourced elsewhere, the clothing purchased should match the school colours and have no other branding or logos. Playsuits are not deemed to be acceptable in Reception class as children have to fully undress when toileting.

Sywell branded items may be purchased online from the school's uniform supplier, Brigade, at www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com ○ Sweatshirts/Cardigans ○ Polo shirts ○ PE t-shirts/sweatshirts ○ School book bag ○ School PE bag ○ Storm jacket (optional)

The following items may be purchased from the school office:

Swim hats

PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED