

Stretton Handley Church of England (VC) Primary School

It is our school policy that all children follow the school dress code when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. This policy has been reviewed to take account the DfE Guidance on School Uniform Published May 2012.

The Department for Education (DfE) believes that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting the appropriate tone. The department strongly encourages schools to have a dress code as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identify with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school dress 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/footwear that could be distracting in class or on the playground;
- 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.



‘Growing, caring and learning together’

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Clothing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red sweatshirt or cardigan (Plain or with school logo) • White shirt or polo shirt • Grey or black skirt /pinafore or trousers (no jeans or leggings in any colour) • Grey, black, red or white accessories • Grey, white or black plain tights or socks • Black shoes with strap, buckles or lace ups. (No heels, coloured trim lights etc) or • Plain, black trainers (no logos, no flashing lights etc) 	<p>In summer, children may wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red/white gingham dress • Grey or black plain shorts <p>All clothing should be clearly named.</p> <p>Sweatshirts, polo shirts and items with the school logo are available to order on line. PE kit and bags are also available.</p> <p>Bookbags are available from school office.</p>
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Jewellery

- earring studs in pierced ears (one only in each ear)
- wrist watch (no watches which can take photographs or with games, lights or noises)
- small objects of religious significance.
- No wrist bands/ bracelets.

We ask the children to remove these items during PE, games and practical hall activities, to prevent them from causing injury. If children are unable to remove items independently then they should not be worn on PE days. Anyone deciding to have their ears pierced should do so at the beginning of the summer break so there is time for healing and so earrings can be removed for school activities in September.

Hair and make up

- No extreme haircuts or colouring.
- Hair bands, clips etc should be discreet designs in colours compatible with school colours. No bows/ flowers/glitter etc
- **Hair bands should not be worn as bracelets.**
- Long hair should be tied back for practical subjects, including PE.
- Some hair ornaments may need to be removed for PE on the grounds of health and safety.
- No make-up or nail varnish should be worn during the school day.
- No temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos'.

Footwear

Footwear for school needs to be sensible and practical.

- Black shoes or black, plain trainers
- No platform soles or heeled shoes
- No coloured, patterned footwear or footwear with logos,

If children do not come to school in appropriate footwear, it is school policy for pupils to change into their school black pumps and to wear their PE trainers on the playground.

Winter boots/ knee boots/ ankle boots or wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather. Shoes should be brought to school to be worn in the building during the school day. If children do not bring shoes they will be asked to wear their plimsolls in the building.

Seasonal safety

All children require a coat in school, particularly when the weather is changeable, cold or wet or when they go swimming. On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a hat or cap
- wearing an appropriate SPF sun-screen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought to school to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sun-screen).

PE kit forms part of our School Dress Code

Indoor	Outdoor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red t-shirt (with school logo, available from school) • Black or dark blue shorts • Plimsolls – black (slip-on or laced or Velcro) • PE bag. • NO ear rings, watches or jewellery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red t-shirt (plain or with school logo) • Black or dark blue shorts or • Black, dark blue, or plain track suit bottoms or joggers • Red jumper, sweatshirt or a tracksuit jacket. • Trainers (different to those worn during school day) • NO ear rings, watches or jewellery

PE kits should be kept in school all week and fully named.

Key stage 2 children also require a swimming kit. Girls need a suitable one-piece costume and boys should have proper swimming shorts that are not long and baggy. Further information re swimming is sent out to KS2 children each September and to other year groups as required.