South Avenue Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

At our school, we expect all pupils to wear the agreed school uniform and to take pride in their appearance. Uniform helps promote a sense of belonging, equality and readiness for learning. Please be aware that during the school day children take part in practical activities, including arts and crafts and clothing may become marked despite reasonable precautions. For this reason, we advise that children do not wear their 'best' clothing to school.

All uniform items must be clearly named. Unnamed items frequently end up in lost property and may not be returned to their owners. While the school takes reasonable steps to reunite lost property with its owner, we cannot guarantee the return of items.

2. School Uniform Requirements

2.1 Clothing

Pupils are expected to wear:

- Red jumper, fleece or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore (leggings are not permitted)
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Sensible, flat, black footwear
    - Shoes with heels, flip-flops, crocs or open toes are not suitable for school.
    - Shoes with laces should only be worn if the child can tie them independently.

2.2 Jewellery and Watches

- Children with pierced ears may wear plain, single-colour studs no larger than 0.5cm**.**
- Earrings must be removed by the child for PE due to health and safety reasons; if the child cannot remove them, parents must do so before school.
- Ear piercing should ideally take place at the start of the summer holiday to allow healing before term begins.
- A simple watch may be worn if the child can tell the time. Watches must be removed for PE.

2.3 Hair and Appearance

- Long hair must be tied back to maintain neatness and reduce the spread of head lice.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted, including coloured hair dyes and coloured hair extensions.

2.4 Additional Guidelines

- Girls may wear plain tights
- Socks should be worn
- In summer, pupils may wear red-and-white checked dresses **or** grey/black shorts**.**
- In bad weather, wellington boots may be worn to travel to school, but pupils must change into standard footwear upon arrival.
- Where reasonable, adjustments will be made for SEND, health, religion and wellbeing needs.

3. Purchasing School Uniform

Uniform may be purchased from the following suppliers:

Forsters School Outfitters

In-store or online (click and collect available)
17–19 East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 4BQ
Tel: 01795 472947
Website: (See source store website)

Eastenders Schoolwear

In-store only
5 West Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 1AA
Tel: 01795 431334
Website: (See source store website)

4. PE Uniform Requirements

On PE days, children must come to school wearing their PE kit:

4.1 Standard PE Kit

- White polo shirt/white t-shirt
- Red or black shadow stipe shorts
- Black jogging bottoms
- Black zip up/jumper (this can have a hood) or red South Avenue jumper.
- Black leggings
- NO earrings (including studs/or being taped.)
- NO logoed clothing, or sports shirts to be worn for P.E.*

4.2 Footwear

- Plimsolls or trainers (dark colour) for outdoor PE
- Indoor PE is completed barefoot for safety when using apparatus

4.3 Swimming

- Swimming costume (not bikini) or swimming trunks

5. Labelling of Uniform

All uniform items, including footwear and PE Kit, must be clearly labelled with your child's name.