



Uniform Policy

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As part of our policy and ethos, every child should wear their school uniform and PE kit. We believe the benefits wearing school uniform provides include:

- Creating a sense of identity for the school
- Establishing a sense of community and belonging
- Giving students a sense of pride and instilling confidence
- Creating a non-distracting environment for learning.

School uniform requirements will be published on the school website in order that parents, carers and students are aware of these before expressing their preference for choice of school.

Regular reminders about the uniform will be communicated to parents, carers and students through letters and social media. All uniform should be clearly marked with the student's name.

We regularly review our school uniforms to ensure they are as cost-effective as possible and we limit the amount of compulsory 'branded' items. Financial assistance for families entitled to claim free school meals may be available and enquiries should be made through the school.

Please note that if a shop sells articles of clothing/trainers in its school section this may not mean that those items comply with our school uniform policy. If you have a question regarding uniform or your child is considering a change to their hairstyle or a piercing, please contact your child's Teacher for guidance.

As part of our ethos to have an eco-friendly school, 'pre-loved', second hand uniform is available for all families. Please contact the school office for further information.

Students will be expected to be dressed in correct school uniform at all times throughout the school day, including on the journey to and from school.

Uniform is available from South West Schoolwear, 144b East Reach, Taunton, TA1 3HT

Website: [Home - South West Schoolwear \(swschoolwear.co.uk\)](http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk)

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am – 5pm

The Orchard Grove school uniform consists of:

- Navy jumper or cardigan with school logo*
- Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers, shorts or skort
- White polo shirt or school shirt/blouse with or without school logo
- Grey, black, white or navy socks or tights
- Sensible black shoes – no trainers, boots or Dolly style slip on shoes
- In the summer months, a blue gingham dress is optional

The Orchard Grove PE uniform consists of:

- Light blue polo shirt with school logo*
- Navy shorts or skort (navy jogging bottoms in winter)
- Daps, plimsolls or trainers

*Uniform can be supplemented with High Street/Supermarket alternatives as long as each child has one logo jumper or cardigan for school photos and trips and one logo blue t-shirt for sports events away from school.

Additional recommended items include:

- School logo book bags - All children will need a bag to bring home reading books, works of art, letters etc. A book bag is ideal for in reception and allows the child to store in in their pupil drawer.
- Winter/ Summer hat
- Rain coat
- It is also useful to have an apron or old shirt to wear for art/craft activities

Forest School:

Your child will require warm, old clothing that you do not mind them getting wet and muddy. They will also need waterproof coats, gloves and hats in the colder months, wellies or old trainers.

Jewellery:

Jewellery (other than plain ear studs) are not permitted. Ear studs will have to be removed for physical activities. We cannot accept responsibility for any losses e.g. watches. If it is valuable or precious, please keep it at home.

Hair:

Hair should be tied back if long enough to do so, especially for PE and swimming. Hair ties and accessories should be navy, white or black. We do not allow colouring or cut-in patterns on hair.

Misc:

Nail varnish or temporary tattoos are not allowed in school.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS, INCLUDING UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS, ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME