SOUTH BOROUGH
Primary School

Uniform Policy
July 2026

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Aims

This policy aims to give clear guidance about the school uniform required, so that is of reasonable cost for our parents and carers.

Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equalities Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender.
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils.
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back).
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable.
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons.
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols.
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary.
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes.
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different years/classes.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities.
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes.
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items.
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.

Expectations for school uniform

We have a smart but simple uniform that we encourage all pupils to wear.

Regular School Uniform

- Navy Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo *(available from our uniform supplier Mapac)*
- White polo shirt
- Plain, dark grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress/culottes or or red/white checked Gingham Dress
- Plain dark colour or white socks or tights
- Plain, flat black shoes. No platforms, boots, trainers or open toed, open back or plastic sandals.

PE & Games Kit

- Plain white, round neck, t-shirt
- Navy blue/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Navy blue/black sweatshirt (no hoodies) OR sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- Black/white plimsolls or trainers

OPAL Kit

Parents are asked to send their child into school with appropriate clothing to enable their child to engage in play at breaktimes/lunch times during wet weather. This should be sent in a named bag and stored at school.

- Wellies
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers and/or rain/puddle suits are advisable.

Other uniform requirements

- Please do not send your child to school dressed in any other casual/branded clothing.
- All items of uniform should be clearly named.
- Hair accessories must be of a small discrete nature and large coloured bows are not permitted.
- Earrings are to be stud style and removed at home on days when your child has PE. Alternatively your child will have to remove them.
- Watches are permitted to be worn by children who can tell the time.
- Jewellery/nail varnish and make up are not permitted at any time in school.
- Hair – Long hair should be tied back.
- School bags should be small in size for ease of storage.

Expectations for our school community

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises.
- Travelling to and from school.
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required).

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition
- Parents are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to: Their child's protected characteristics or the cost of the uniform.

Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

South Borough Uniform Visuals

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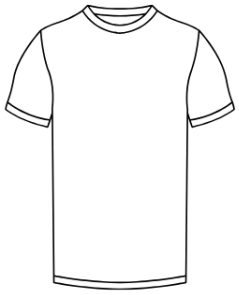
Regular Uniform

Navy Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (new style)

White polo shirt

Plain, dark grey trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore dress, culottes or red/white checked Gingham Dress

PE Kit



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Black/white plimsolls or trainers

OPAL Kit

These items should be sent to school in a named bag to be left at school. They can be any colour.

Wellies

Waterproof Jacket

Waterproof trousers/puddle suit