



Southridge First School

School Uniform Policy

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School Uniform

It is our policy that all children in Reception to Year 4 wear full uniform when attending school or when participating in a school event organised outside of normal school hours.

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Looks smart and is practical
- Is hardwearing and reasonably inexpensive to purchase
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Ensures that children of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Contributes to a sense of belonging and identifies the children with Southridge First School
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school

Our school colours are maroon and grey

Our school uniform is as follows:

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| ● Blouse/Shirt or polo shirt | White |
| ● V-neck Sweater or cardigan | Maroon or Grey |
| ● Sweatshirt / sweatcardi | Maroon |
| ● Trousers | Grey |
| ● Skirt/pinafore | Grey |
| ● Shoes - flat | Black |
| ● Socks | Grey or white |
| ● Tights | Grey |
| ● Summer Dress -optional | Blue check |
| ● Shorts | Grey |
| ● <u>NURSERY CHILDREN:</u> | |
| ● Polo shirt | White |
| ● V-neck Sweatshirt or cardigan | Maroon |
| ● Trousers | Casual |
| ● Skirt | Casual |

Sweatshirts, bookbags, PE bags, PE shorts/tops and water bottles with the school logo are available to purchase from Anne Thomas, Whitley Bay.

It is however acceptable to purchase plain jumpers and sweatshirts and other items of uniform from any retail outlet in the school colours of maroon and grey

All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with either name tapes or indelible pen.

PE Kit

For health and safety reasons it is important that children are properly dressed for any physical activity and change into their PE kits.

Our uniform for PE is as follows:

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| • T shirt | White |
| • Shorts | Maroon |
| • Jogging bottoms for outdoor use | Black / Navy - plain |
| • Sweatshirts can be worn outside | Maroon |
| • Plimsolls | |
| • Trainers | any |

(All dance and gymnastics lessons are done in bare feet but trainers are needed for indoor/outdoor games. Velcro fasteners are easier for younger children)

PE kit should be stored in a named drawstring bag or small Southridge backpack.

PE kit should be kept in school and returned home for washing in the half-term holidays.

All items of sportswear should also be clearly labelled with either name tapes or indelible pen.

Swimming Kit for Year 2 and 3

Girls

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| • Swimming costume – not bikini | Any colour |
| • Trunks – <u>not long shorts</u> | Any colour |
| • Towel | |

Goggles are optional but advisable

Hair sprays and gel etc. are not permitted

Swimming kit should be stored in a named drawstring bag

All items of sportswear should also be clearly labelled with either name tapes or indelible pen.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons and to allow your child to run around freely at playtimes, shoes should be flat. Please do not send your child to school in platform soles, high heels or thin straps. _
During winter time, children coming to school in Wellingtons or boots should change into appropriate indoor footwear.

Because we have an important emphasis on active lunchtimes, children may change into their trainers if they wish but should change back into their school shoes at the end of lunchtime.

Hair

We would ask parents to support us by ensuring that children do not come to school with inappropriate extreme hairstyles. **Hair should be clean and tidy. Long hair should be tied back. Hair accessories such as slides and bobbles should be simple and if possible in school colours. Headscarves, bandanas and fancy hairbands should not be worn.**

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons we ask that the children **do not wear jewellery in school, including earrings of any kind.**

Any child wearing earrings will be asked to remove them for PE lessons and newly pierced ears will need to be covered with tape for the lesson. If a child is unable to remove their earrings they will be unable to participate actively within PE lessons. In line with North Tyneside Local Authority safety guidelines, children are not allowed into the swimming pool wearing earrings. Teaching staff should not be expected to remove a child's earrings.

A watch may be worn during lesson time but must also be removed for PE.

The role of parents

We ask that all parents support our school uniform policy and 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 and that it is clean, fits correctly and is in good repair. All items of clothing should be named.

The role of the Headteacher and Governors

The Governing Body is responsible for deciding upon the school's uniform policy and it supports the Headteacher in implementing the policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Equality, Cultural, Race and Religious Requirements

In implementing this policy the governors have had due consideration of the Equalities Act 2010, The Human Rights Act 1998.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons e.g. religious grounds etc. why parents want their child to wear clothes that are different from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

In formulating this policy the Governors have given high priority to cost considerations. All items of uniform can be purchased relatively inexpensively at most high street shops. However any parent who feels unable to apply for admission on account of uniform costs should speak to the Headteacher about our remission scheme.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents to ensure that they agree with the policy and support it.
- Seeking the views of the children through the School Council representatives
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.