



Uniform Policy

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Party responsible:	Student Committee
Linked policies:	Home-School Agreement

Rationale

At The Swanage School we have set a culture of high standards and this is reflected in our uniform. The Headteacher and Governors believe it is important our students have a strong identity with their school and wear their uniform with pride; promoting good behaviour whilst at school and in the wider community. Uniform is also considered to create cohesion and good relations between students – relationships being a central part of the ethos of the school.

The school uniform consists of a grey suit with the school logo which is not only smart but also comfortable to wear. The uniform supplier is part of a fair-trade initiative, (ethically sourced and managed through the supply chain), providing an on-line/direct to school or parent service to keep costs down.

A range of sizes of different uniform items, is held at The Swanage School, for fitting before ordering, should this be required. However, there is a comprehensive fitting guide on the SWI on-line ordering website to aid parents.

The uniform may be purchased from our official uniform supplier only, Sportswear International (SWI) - alternatives will not be accepted. White shirts/blouses may be purchased from an alternative supplier.

The uniform is made up as follows:

BOYS UNIFORM

To be purchased from SWI:

- Grey suit jacket with school logo
- Grey suit trousers
- School tie
- Grey slipover jumper with blue stripe on v-neckline

May be purchased elsewhere:

White shirt (short-sleeved shirts are acceptable during the summer months)

Grey/black socks

Plain black school shoes

GIRLS UNIFORM

To be purchased from SWI:

Grey suit jacket with school logo

Grey suit trousers OR skirt

Grey slipover jumper with blue stripe on v-neckline

May be purchased elsewhere:

Grey/black/natural tights

Grey/white/black socks

White blouse with revere collar OR plain white shirt with school tie (from SWI)

Plain black school shoes

BOYS SPORTS KIT

To be purchased from SWI:

Navy/sky polo top

Navy/white trim shorts

Navy/sky reversible rugby top

Blue Coolmax sports socks

May be purchased elsewhere:

Navy tracksuit trousers (optional)

GIRLS SPORTS KIT

To be purchased from SWI:

Navy/sky fitted polo top

Navy/white trim shorts/skort

Navy/sky outdoor fleece

Blue Coolmax sports socks

May be purchased elsewhere:

Navy tracksuit trousers (optional)

Guidance

Shoes

Sensible, smart, plain, black shoes with a maximum heel height of 1 inch. 'Trainer' type shoes or canvas shoes for example will not be acceptable.

Ear-rings

Small studs in the ear lobe (no more than one in each ear) are acceptable.

Jewellery

Students in Key Stage Three are not allowed to wear jewellery.

Students in Key Stage Four will be allowed to wear a plain necklace

The only exception to this rule is for items of specific religious significance e.g. a cross.

Make-up

Students in Key Stage Three are not allowed to wear make-up.

In Key Stage Four, if worn, make-up must be subtle. Nail varnish must not be worn.

Hair

Hair colour must be natural/one colour. Extreme fashion hairstyles will not be acceptable. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back in certain situations – for Health and Safety reasons.

Ties

Ties must be worn correctly – top button done up and tie up to the collar.

School Suit Jackets

Jackets will be expected to be worn at all times around the school unless otherwise specified by a member of staff. Jackets may be taken off during lessons.

Outer Coats

Students are encouraged to wear sensible weather-proof coats in inclement weather. Any logo must be small and discreet. Cotton hoodies are not acceptable.

Bags

Books must be carried to and from school in a suitable bag – one that is able to carry A4 size folders.

ALL uniform items/bags/coats/shoes must be clearly named.

The Swanage School reserves the right to ask for shoes or items of uniform to be changed if they do not conform to the guidelines. However, should there be a reason for a pupil not wearing correct uniform (e.g. medical reason, lost/damaged) permission may be given after due consideration and treated with due discretion.

New to You

Second hand uniform (when it is available) will be sold at the school. Any proceeds made from second hand uniform will be donated to the school.

Students on free school meals or with difficult financial circumstances may receive financial support with the uniform at the discretion of the Governing Body of The Swanage School.

Arrangements for Monitoring and Evaluation

The Governing Body will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be implemented and promoted throughout the school. Students will have the opportunity to be consulted on uniform policy.