



The Swanage School UNIFORM GUIDE

A NEW LOOK!

We are starting our 10th anniversary year with a new look!

At The Swanage School we have a culture of high standards and believe this should be reflected in our uniform. We think it is important that our students have a strong identity with their school and wear their uniform with pride, promoting positive behaviour while at school and in the wider community.

In reviewing our uniform, we have paid attention to themes that arose in survey responses received from students, parents and staff and, in making the changes, have addressed feedback on comfort, quality, cost, choice and ease of purchasing, whilst retaining a smart uniform that continues to reflect the 'The Swanage School identity'.

The changes are being made so as to have **no cost implications for current parents** - except perhaps for the cost of a tie. Please see the information below on the phasing-in period as we switch from one look to another. The only cost you may incur is in purchasing a tie (if your child does not currently wear one) as all students will be required to wear a tie from September 2023.

Students joining us in September and all in-year admissions are expected to wear the new uniform.

A TWO YEAR TRANSITION

Whilst all incoming students will wear the new uniform from September 2023, there is no expectation that current students - i.e. those entering Year 8 or above in September - switch to the new uniform. For these students, there will be a two year transition period over which the new uniform will phase in.

NO ADDITIONAL COST

(Except a tie if you don't have one)

During the transition period, students may continue to wear items from their current uniform. When items wear out or are grown out, replacement items should be from the new uniform range. Exceptions to this would be, for example, where larger sizes are already available in the family

due to older siblings having attended the school.

MIXING OLD AND NEW

(to a degree!)

We understand that items wear out or are grown out at different times, so during the transition period it will be acceptable, for example, to wear new navy trousers / skirt with an existing grey suit jacket prior to a navy

jumper / cardigan being purchased, or for existing grey trousers / skirt to be worn with a new navy jumper / cardigan until the trousers / skirt need replacing.

Similarly, with the sports kit, it will be acceptable for new style tops to be worn with old style bottoms and vice versa.

Ties

In a change to our current uniform policy and to improve the smartness of our uniform, ties are now compulsory for both boys and girls. This change is with effect from September 2023 for all students.

The tie design has not changed, and is now available in both traditional and clip-on versions.

What you can't mix

As now, there is to be no 'mixing and matching' between the uniform and the sports kit, either with new items or with existing ones, in any combinations.

Students must wear a correct uniform for school, within the guidelines given above and throughout this booklet, and change into a full sports kit for PE lessons, fixtures or sports clubs.

For example, it is not acceptable to wear sports leggings with the existing grey jacket, nor with a new navy jumper / cardigan, and it is not acceptable to wear the sports tee or polo with school trousers / skirt instead of a shirt & tie.

OUR NEW UNIFORM

WHITE SHIRT

Top button fastened.
Shirts must be tucked in.

Buy from: any retailer

SCHOOL TIE

For all students.

Buy from: TSS uniform supplier



NAVY TROUSERS

Tailored style, regular or slim fit.

Not permitted: Leggings or culottes, flared, hipster, skinny or relaxed fit, jeans, chinos, or decorated styles.

Buy from: any retailer

NAVY JUMPER

With school logo.

- Standard jumper (unisex): cotton blend

- Female fit jumper: cotton

Please note the female fit jumpers are 100% cotton and therefore may be prone to shrinking if tumble-dried.

Buy from: TSS uniform supplier

FABRICS:

Trousers, skirts and shorts should be in a tailored style. Denim, chino, cords, lycra and jersey fabrics are not acceptable for TSS schoolwear.

ALTERNATIVES



NAVY CARDIGAN

Girls may wear a navy cardigan (female fit) with school logo. Cotton blend.

Buy from: TSS uniform supplier



TAILORED NAVY SHORTS

May be worn in hot weather by both boys and girls. Must be of a tailored style. No sports / casual shorts.

Buy from: any retailer



PLEATED NAVY SKIRT

Girls may wear a pleated navy skirt (suitable length). Straight, tube skirts and culottes are not permitted.

Buy from: any retailer

BLACK SHOES

Plain black shoes, no more than 1 inch heel. See guidelines for more information about shoes.

SOCKS & TIGHTS

White, navy, grey or black socks, below knee. Girls can wear natural, black or navy tights as an alternative. Leggings may not be worn in place of tights.

OPTIONAL OUTERWEAR

TSS SOFT SHELL JACKET (OPTIONAL)

With school logo on back.

May be worn as outerwear during breaks & lunch and for walking to & from school, or as an additional layer in school on cold days.

School soft shell jackets may be worn in addition to the school jumper, not in place of it.

The TSS soft shell may be worn in school, however other outer-wear may not (see guidelines).

Buy from: TSS uniform supplier



RAISING STANDARDS AND KEEPING THEM HIGH

We firmly believe that taking pride in a smart appearance at school is linked to taking pride in school work and to promoting positive behaviour standards. We all want to focus on teaching and learning, rather than waste valuable time and strain relationships by repeatedly having to deal with uniform infringements.

We will be taking a strict stance on uniform standards to ensure everyone understands what is expected and we appreciate your support in ensuring your son/daughter is appropriately dressed for the school day.

Only in rare exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Headteacher, will permission be given for alternative items to be worn.

What happens if a student arrives at school in incorrect uniform?

In the first instance, if a student arrives at school in incorrect uniform, parents will be called and asked to bring in the correct uniform or to take their son/daughter home to change.

We will ask for shoes or items of uniform / sports kit to be changed if they do not meet the expectations and guidelines set out in this booklet.

OUR UPDATED SPORTS KIT

TSS SPORTS TEE

Crew neck with school logo, unisex.

OR

TSS SPORTS POLO

With school logo; available in standard (unisex) or female fit.

Buy from: TSS uniform supplier



1/4 ZIP TSS SPORTS TOP

With school logo.

OR

FULL ZIP TSS SPORTS TOP

With school logo.

Worn with the TSS sports tee or polo, not instead of.

Buy from: TSS uniform supplier



Once you have chosen your tops, choose between shorts or track pants (both unisex), or for girls an additional choice of skort or sports leggings if preferred. All with logo.

Buy from: TSS uniform supplier



TSS SPORTS SHORTS



TSS SKORT



TSS TRAINING PANTS



TSS SPORTS LEGGINGS

TRAINERS

Appropriate sports trainers must be worn for PE lessons and sports clubs. Canvas, high-top, converse, crocs etc are not permitted.

SOCKS

Plain white sports socks:

Buy from: any retailer

Navy/sky coolmax socks: optional

For students who wish to wear shinpads (e.g. football, rugby, or for clubs).

Buy from: TSS uniform supplier

GUIDELINES

Outerwear

Students are encouraged to wear sensible weatherproof coats in cold or wet weather, or to wear the TSS soft shell jacket. Coats should be plain and any logo must be small.

Hoodies

Hoodies are not permitted in school nor on site during school hours (except, during the transition period, the TSS sports hoodie, or existing TSS team hoodies).

Trousers, skirts & shorts

Trousers, skirts and shorts must be of an appropriate 'school' tailored style, in navy.

- Trousers may be slim-fit or standard fit.
- Skirts must be pleated and should be worn no more than 2 inches above the knee.
- Tailored school shorts may be worn in hot weather by both boys and girls.

The following are not acceptable as TSS school uniform: leggings or culottes; skinny, relaxed, flared or cargo trousers; straight or tube skirts; sports or casual shorts. Items chosen should not be in denim, chino, cord, lycra or jersey fabrics.

Belts should be plain navy or black with a small discreet buckle.

Shirts and Ties

Shirts are plain white, short or long sleeved, and must be tucked in. All students wear a tie and these must be worn correctly - top button done up and tie up to the collar. Students who do not wear a tie for more than two days in a row will be issued with one and parents invoiced.

Shoes

Sensible, smart, plain, black shoes with a maximum heel height of 1

inch. For more guidance see next page.

Socks and tights

Socks must be white, navy, grey or black and should not be worn above the knee. Girls can wear natural, black or navy tights as an alternative. Socks of a different colour should not be worn in addition to tights, nor should leggings be worn as an alternative.

Jewellery and piercings

Students are not allowed to wear jewellery. The only exception to this rule is for items mandated by a student's religion and single small ear studs (no more than one in each ear). These must be removed for PE, along with watches. The school does not permit the wearing of nose rings/studs or any other piercing. However students may wear a small, clear, discreet retainer in these piercings if they choose to.

Make-up

In years 7 - 9, students are not allowed to wear make-up. From Year 10, if worn, make-up must be subtle. Fake eyelashes, fake nails and nail varnish are not permitted.

Hair

Hair colour must be natural and one colour. Extreme fashion hairstyles will not be acceptable. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back in practical lessons such as Science, Design & Technology and Food & Nutrition, and during PE lessons.

Bags

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

Labels

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

PE / SPORTS

Trainers

Appropriate sports trainers are required for PE lessons and sports clubs. Canvas, high-top, converse, crocs etc are not suitable and are not permitted. These do not give enough support to feet during sports activities.

Football boots / studded footwear

Studded footwear is recommended for sports such as football and rugby, ideally with moulded studs rather than metal or plastic. The PE teacher will advise when these lessons are taking place.

Shin pads

Although not required for PE lessons, students may choose to wear shin pads. If worn, students will need a pair of navy/sky coolmax socks, which are available from our uniform supplier, or a pair can usually be borrowed from the PE department.

Gum shields

Gum shields are required for rugby lessons. These will be available to purchase from school at the time.

Fixtures

The school has team kit which is used by students participating in fixtures. This is laundered at school.

Changing for PE

Students wear their school uniform to school every day, and on PE days must bring their sports kit to school in an appropriate bag. Students are expected to change quickly to avoid delays in starting the lesson, and to avoid being late for their next lesson.

SHOE STANDARDS

For the avoidance of doubt in relation to acceptability of shoes, please see below. If you are unsure about whether a planned purchase will be acceptable, please seek confirmation before buying as we will ask for alternative shoes to be worn if necessary.



Sports trainers are not permitted as school shoes at TSS, however trainer-type shoes will be acceptable if they are all of the following:

- flat (non-wedge) and not high-top
- leather (or leather look)
- all black (i.e. no coloured soles, logos)
- 'shoe' sole rather than a 'trainer' sole



THE TRAINER DEBATE

When is a trainer a school shoe?

Wedge or high-top



Fabric / mesh top



Coloured logos and/or soles



Sports trainer soles



PURCHASING

HOW TO BUY TSS ITEMS

Uniform and sports kit is available to order from **our official supplier, the Purbeck Media Group.**

Purbeck Media Group offer a trying-on service, and will be present in school 2 or 3 times in the Summer Term, including on Transition Evening for new parents, for trying-on and ordering. Additional dates and times will be advised.

The Purbeck Media Group offer online, phone or in-person ordering. Whilst some stock sizes will be held, many items are embroidered to order. They deliver free to school for collection or, for a small delivery charge, to home, or you can collect in person from their premises.

Our new items will be available on their website shortly.

CURRENT CONTACT DETAILS (as at July 2023)

PURBECK MEDIA GROUP
1 Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate
Swanage
Dorset
BH19 1BJ
01929 422 470
www.purbeckmedia.group

FUTURE CONTACT DETAILS (timing tba)

PURBECK MEDIA GROUP
12 Westminster Road
Wareham
Dorset
BH20 4SN
Phone tbc

WHERE TO BUY OTHER ITEMS:

Sainsbury (Tu), Asda (George), Tesco (F&F), Marks & Spencer and Next are among the high street retailers who sell navy trousers, skirts and shorts.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Parents of children registered as eligible for free school meals can benefit from subsidised school uniform items purchased from our official supplier.

The subsidy is processed as a part reimbursement after purchase. For incoming students, we offer a 70% subsidy on initial purchasing (parents pay 30% of the cost), and thereafter a 30% subsidy on subsequent purchases.

After purchase, please email the school office with a copy of your itemised order confirmation or receipt from the Purbeck Media Group to apply for the subsidy reimbursement.

office@theswanageschool.co.uk

Pricing

SCHOOL UNIFORM	KNITWEAR (REQUIRED)	
	TSS V-Neck Jumper, Standard Fit, Cotton Blend, or	From £26.75
	TSS V-Neck jumper, Female Fit, Cotton, or	
	TSS V-Neck Cardigan, Female Fit, Cotton Blend	
	TIE (REQUIRED)	
	Standard, or	£11.50
	Clip-on	£12.00
	OUTERWEAR (OPTIONAL)	
TSS Soft Shell	From £26.50	
SPORTS KIT	SPORTS TOP (REQUIRED)	
	TSS Training Tee, Unisex, or	From £11.40
	TSS Polo, Standard Fit, or	From £16.25
	TSS Polo, Female Fit	From £16.25
	SPORTS OUTER LAYER (REQUIRED)	
	TSS 1/4 Zip Training Top, or	From £21.25
	TSS Full Zip Training Top	From £21.75
	SPORTS BOTTOM (REQUIRED)	
	TSS Sports Shorts, Unisex, or	From £13.25
	TSS Training Pants, Unisex, or	From £29.60
	TSS Sports Leggings, Female Fit, or	From £24.75
	TSS Skort, Female Fit	From £25.75
	SPORTS SOCKS (OPTIONAL)	
Navy/sky Coolmax Socks	From £7.60	

Larger sizes attract VAT