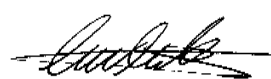


# SVPS Uniform & Appearance Policy

## 2025 – 2026



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| Head Teacher       | Mr. G. Mills | October 2025 |  |

## **Introduction**

School uniform and smart appearance play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Most schools in England have a school uniform or dress code, and other rules on appearance. The DfE strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion, promoting good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, many schools believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning. The Governing Body of each school decides on the uniform policy or dress code and it is the Headteacher's responsibility to make sure pupils keep to the rules.

## **School Policy**

It is the policy at Swindon Village Primary School that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We ask parents to uphold our uniform policy and maintain the high standards for which our school is known. We fully endorse the Government's principle that the School's uniform should be affordable for everyone. Whilst we strongly encourage parents to purchase SVPS uniform we also stress to parents that uniform of the same colour and style can be bought from local supermarkets and stores. Any uniform specific to the school can be purchased from the school office, but costs are kept to a minimum and discount is applied for families in receipt of Pupil Premium. A uniform 'Nearly New Shop' is available for parents to re-use good quality uniform that has been donated by other school families. This helps to reduce costs and is better for the environment.

Our policy for school uniform is based on the principles that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart but does not need to be bought from specialist suppliers that can be expensive
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

## **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, open toe shoes or backless sandals and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we allow the wearing of trainers to school. This type of footwear is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We do allow 'sensible boots' during winter months. Parents should talk to their class teacher and/or the Head Teacher if they have worries about the cost of footwear.

## **Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow the wearing of jewellery, nail polish or earrings. Children who have pierced ears are permitted to wear studs, which must be taken out or in exceptional circumstances, covered up for P.E.

## **Hair Styles**

For health and safety reasons and to ensure that all pupils are integrated into the school and not made to feel different, hair style should be plain and appropriate for school. It should be smart, tidy and of natural colour. Hair that is longer than shoulder length should be tied back, out of eyes. Fashions evolve over time and we remain aware of changes in trends, but no extreme haircuts or style or extremes of fashion are acceptable - “artwork” on the scalp, overuse of styling products (such as gels and waxes) and shavepatterned are regarded as a fashion extreme. Only plain, functional and safe hair accessories are allowed.

**The school does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to pupils' property.**

## **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support our uniform and appearance policy and maintain the high standards for which our school is known. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, which is clean and in good repair and ensure that their children are of smart appearance (see Appendix 1).

Parents are actively encouraged to label ALL of your child's clothing including sports kit, socks, shoes and lunchboxes.

## **Purchasing School Uniform**

The School Office also sells:

- Jumpers/Sweatshirts
- Cardigans
- House P.E. Tops
- Polo Shirts
- P.E. Bags
- Black shorts
- Book Bags

## Appendix 1

### Uniform

*Parents are able to choose from the following for their child(ren) to wear*

- *Grey trousers/shorts*
- *Grey pinafore dress, skirt*
- *White polo shirt*
- *School sweatshirt with SVPS logo preferred on one item...not necessary on all sweatshirt*
- *Black shorts for games / P.E.*
- *Grey tights or white/grey socks*
- *House SVPS T-Shirt for P.E.*
- *PE bag*

*In the Summer, children may wear red and white checked dresses with white socks if they prefer.*

*Flat, black closed-toe shoes are our preferred footwear. Trainers are unsuitable for wearing all day in school. We would prefer that parents don't send their children to school in open toed sandals.*