



Uniform Policy

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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 Swanage School uniform and PE kit changed with effect from September 2023 for incoming students, to that specified below. For current students there is a two-year transition period, where existing items may be paired with new items in line with guidance provided to students and parents/carers.

With effect from September 2023, the school uniform consists of a navy school jumper with the school logo, paired with navy trousers or skirt. These are worn with white shirt and school tie (for all students). The school PE kit comprises a range of items with school logo from which parents and students can 'mix and match' within the guidelines set out below.

Alternatives to the specified school logo items are not acceptable and are available from our official retailer. Navy trousers/skirt and white shirts may be purchased from an alternative retailer.

'Trying-on' sessions are held at The Swanage School and trying-on is possible at our official retailer. Online or in-person ordering is available, as is home delivery or delivery via school.

Our official retailer is The Purbeck Media Group.

The uniform is detailed overleaf. Full details, including dress code and guidance on shoes, is published in the school's Uniform Guide.

SCHOOL UNIFORM	SPORTS KIT
<u>To be purchased from Purbeck Media Group</u> • Navy jumper (standard or female fit) or navy cardigan (female fit), with logo • The Swanage School tie Plus <u>May be purchased elsewhere</u> • White shirt, long or short sleeved • Navy tailored school trousers / navy pleated skirt or navy tailored school shorts may be worn in the summer Plus • Black school shoes • Black, navy, grey or white socks. • Girls may wear black, navy or tan tights OPTIONAL <u>To be purchased from Purbeck Media Group</u> • Navy shell jacket, with logo	<u>To be purchased from Purbeck Media Group</u> • Navy/sky sports tee with logo (unisex) or • Navy/sky polo shirt, with logo (standard or female fit) Plus • Navy/silver sports shorts with logo (unisex) or • Navy/silver track pants, with logo (unisex) or Girls may wear: • Navy/silver sports leggings, with logo or • Navy/silver skort, with logo Plus • ¼ zip sports top, with logo (unisex) or • Full zip sports top, with logo Plus • Coolmax socks, navy/sky or • White sports socks Plus <u>May be purchased elsewhere:</u> • Sports trainers OPTIONAL • Football boots (essential for team players)

Uniform 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 may still be worn during PE lessons, or existing TSS team hoodies worn for the relevant extra-curricular activities).

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.

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.

Non-conformity

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.

Financial assistance

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 are entitled to discounts on purchasing school uniform, as published in the Uniform Guide. Other families in financial difficulty 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.