



Nether Stowey CE VC Primary School

Uniform Policy 2024-25

Approved on behalf on the Governing Body:

(Chair of Governors)

Approved on behalf on the School:

(Head Teacher)

Our vision



Nether Stowey Church of England Primary School

inspires a love of learning in all of us with

Christian values at our heart.

**Our school community is a safe, caring friendly place where
everyone is welcome.**

**We give all children and staff the opportunity and encouragement
to aim high and develop their strengths and interests.**

**We strive to understand, respect and value each other, our school,
our community and the world we live in.**

Nether Stowey Church of England Primary School values are:

Thankfulness, Fellowship, Endurance, Peace, Trust & Charity

Introduction

At Nether Stowey School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought from South West Schoolwear in Bridgwater, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is in this policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either dark blue brown or black to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

Because we spend a lot of time in our outdoors, it is also important for all children to have a named pair of wellies.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the **child's name is visibly labelled** on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher and then the Governors.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal Monitoring and Review opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

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 and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Keep cost to a minimum and seek new contacts every 5 years for cheapest supplier.

Second Hand uniform.

To purchase second hand uniform at a lower cost can be arranged via the school office and FONNS (Friends of Nether Stowey School).

School Uniform List

- Royal blue jumpers, and cardigans with embroidered school logo*
- Plain white polo shirt
- Grey shorts or trousers
- Blue and white checked/striped summer dress
- Grey skirts / pinafore dress
- Plain white/grey socks or grey tights
- Dark ankle socks with trousers.
- Black shoes no trainers.

Items marked with a *Embroidered cardigans, jumpers, and PE tops, book bags can be bought from South West Uniforms in Bridgwater. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE EMBROIDED /LOGO**

JUMPERS/ TSHIRTS Other items can be bought from High Street shops and supermarkets such as Asda, Tesco.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes, and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag or backpack in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit **MUST** be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing; please help us by naming everything.

P.E. Uniform is:

- Navy blue or black shorts (NOT cycling shorts)
- Play white T shirt – logo PE tops are available from Hooks in Bridgwater if you wish to purchase.
- A pair of plimsolls/ pumps
- Navy or black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

Our uniform list:

	Logo School Jumper, or cardigan (optional) royal blue cardigan/jumper
	White polo shirt (school logo optional)
	Grey Trousers or shorts
	White/grey socks or grey tights
	Dark ankle socks with trousers or shorts
	Any Coat
	Badged book bag (available from school) These are free
	PE bag
	Plain black shoes
	Grey skirts or pinafore dress
	Blue and white checked/striped summer dress

P.E. Uniform

	Logo t-shirt (optional) or plain white tshirt
	Black / navy blue shorts (not cycling or skirt)
	Navy or black plain tracksuit/jogging bottoms for outdoor P.E.
	Black Pumps for indoor (all years)
	Trainers for Outdoor Games
	PE bag

	Wellies for outdoors
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