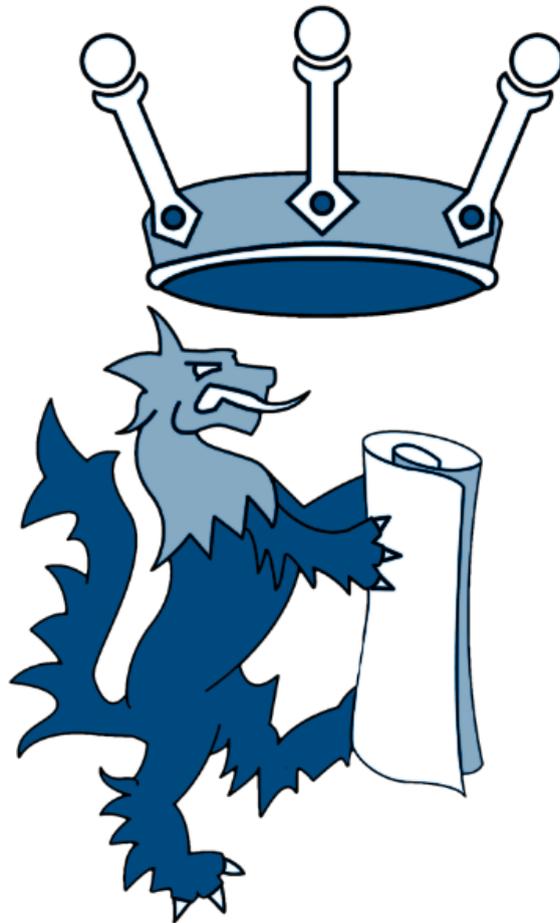


Uniform Policy

The Sittingbourne School



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1. Policy Statement

The Sittingbourne School holds high expectations and standards for all our young people, and we encourage a professional learning environment which prepares our students for the world of work and employability. We are developing a reputation in the local community as being a school that is well respected for its high standards and as an integral part of that we encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride. The wearing of uniform also removes opportunities for peer pressure and bullying with all students dressed to the same standard.

All Sittingbourne School students are therefore expected to maintain this high standard by coming to school smartly dressed in their full school uniform and wearing it in the conventional school style.

To further maintain this high standard of uniform, students are not allowed to wear any jewellery, including earrings and any other piercing, with the exception of a wristwatch. (We would recommend that ears should be pierced only at the beginning of a main holiday to allow time for healing so the earrings can be removed on return to school.) Discreet, natural make-up is allowed; however, any form of painted or acrylic nails, or brightly coloured make-up is not.

Parents and carers are reminded that you must be at least 18 years before you can have a tattoo; it is illegal for anyone to have a tattoo under 18 even with a guardian's consent.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons linked to religion or beliefs that require a particular dress code - for example, wearing or carrying a specific religious artefact, dressing modestly or covering of the head - the school will look sympathetically at such requests. We will also consider the needs of individual students where the uniform policy may need to be adapted. If any parent has comments/ideas relating to school uniform they should make representation to the Headteacher in the first instance.

2. Aims

This policy aims to provide clear expectations for all stakeholders to ensure that all members of our school community can be included.

We anticipate the full support of parents and carers in maintaining a high standard of dress and see the wearing of the school uniform correctly as the responsibility of all members of the school community: students, parents/carers and staff. This policy will be used by all staff in conjunction with the school's behaviour policy and non-compliance of uniform expectations will be addressed by communities. Students not conforming to our uniform expectations, and not willing to resolve any issues, may be sent home to change or will be isolated within school. In order to support, students without correct uniform will be lent the required items by the school for a short period of time; they are expected to comply with this and return the items at the end of the school day. Students refusing to borrow the required clothing may not be permitted in lessons and parents will be contacted.

We do understand that the initial expense of a school uniform can be costly, but over time it has been found that it becomes more affordable, avoids conflict and is more manageable both for the students and their families. In order to support the expense, only our blazer, tie and school PE top are restricted to our school uniform suppliers, with generic items such as skirts, trousers and shirts being widely available from the large retailers. To further support in this initial outlay, one of our main suppliers also provides a six-weekly payment plan for the purchase of uniform.

In order to prevent lost items, we ask that all items of uniform are clearly marked with the owner's name. This is particularly essential for blazers and P.E. kit, which are both easily misplaced and expensive to replace.

3. Travelling to and from school

When students are travelling by public transport, or are walking or cycling to or from school, they are expected to conform to the uniform policy.

All students should have a strong school bag of a suitable size for school, large enough to carry an A4 book. Minimum essential equipment includes a pen, pencil and ruler.

Students are expected to wear their full uniforms on attendance to any school trips.

4. Uniform Expectations

| UNIFORM | EXPECTED | School Supplier | UNACCEPTABLE |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Blazer | Navy blue blazer with school crest embroidered on pocket, to be worn at all times. | Forsters or Watermelon | |
| Community tie | Colour stripe is specific to communities. It is to be worn in an appropriate and conventional length and style. | Forsters or Watermelon | Short length or unconventional knots. |
| School pullover (optional) | Plain, woolen, navy blue, V-neck, school style jumper worn underneath blazer in colder weather. | Forsters or Watermelon | Sweatshirts, hooded fleece tops or similar items are not permitted. Crew necks or logos. |
| School shirt or blouse | Plain white, standard collar with a top button which should be worn tucked into the waistband of skirt or trousers. | Any uniform retailer | A plain white vest or top can be worn under the shirt for warmth but must not show past the shirt sleeves or any logo be visible through the shirt or blouse fabric. |
| School trousers | Plain black, straight leg trousers. | Any uniform retailer | Not denim, cord, jeggings, leggings, tight or low fitting. No cargo trousers, skinnies, or fashion styles. |
| School skirt | Black skirt with Charleston style pleats, of an appropriate length. | Any uniform retailer | Jersey, stretch, satin, denim, lace, cord or patterns are not permitted, and skirts should not be tight to the hips. A guide for skirt lengths is that skirts should be longer than the ends of the fingertips when arms and hands are held straight down by the side of the body. |

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| Shoes | Plain black leather or leather style shoes, fully closed in with a low heel. Plain black boots may be worn underneath trousers. | Any uniform retailer | Backless, open toes, sling-backs, or high heels are not allowed. Trainers must not be worn in place of shoes. |
| Socks | Plain black. | Any uniform retailer | Over the knee socks or shoe liners. Socks need to be visible above the ankle. |
| Tights | Plain black or natural tights. | Any uniform retailer | Coloured or patterned tights. Bare legs are not permitted without socks. |
| Coat | Conventional, warm, waterproof outer coat, preferably black, blue or grey. | Any retailer | Half zipped tops, sweatshirts sports tops, gilets, denim, hooded fleece tops or similar items are not permitted. |

5. PE Kit

| PE KIT | EXPECTED | School Supplier | UNACCEPTABLE |
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| Top | Navy blue with white shoulder flash. | Forsters or Watermelon | Any colour other than navy. |
| Joggers or leggings | Plain, navy blue. | Forsters or Watermelon | Any colour other than navy. Obvious, visible logos. Jersey tracksuit bottoms, lounge wear. |
| Shorts | Plain, navy blue. | Any uniform retailer | Large, visible logos. |
| Base layer (optional) | Plain, navy blue. | Forsters or Watermelon | Any colour other than navy. |
| Rugby Top (optional) | Reversible, navy blue and white. | Forsters or Watermelon | |
| Sweatshirt (optional) | Plain blue crew neck sweatshirt. | Any retailer | |
| Trainers and football boots | | Any sport retailer | |
| Gumshield (highly recommended) | | Any retailer | |
| BTEC sports studies top (optional) | Individually named. | School | |

5. Jewellery & make-up

| | PERMITTED | UNACCEPTABLE |
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| Jewellery | Wristwatch. | Any other jewellery, including earrings. |
| Make-Up | Discrete, natural make-up. | False nails, painted nails or brightly coloured make-up. |



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