

Seaton Sluice First School



School Uniform Policy 2023

Reviewed April 2023

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion 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
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and identifies the children with the school
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by parents and carers
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Seaton Sluice First School uniform consists of:

Pupils from Nursery up to Year 2	Pupils in Years 3 and 4
White shirt/blouse or polo shirt	White shirt
Purple crew neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan	Elasticated purple and silver stripe tie (provided by the school at the end of Year 2)
Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore	Purple V-neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
Grey or white socks or tights	Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore
Black shoes or boots (please see below)	Grey or white socks or tights
Lilac gingham or striped summer dress	Black shoes or boots (please see below)
P.E. T-shirt (in appropriate house colour)	Lilac gingham or striped summer dress
Navy or black P.E. shorts	P.E. t-shirt (in appropriate house colour)
Black plimsolls	Navy or black P.E. shorts
	Optional Purple P.E. hoodie (for outdoor lessons)
	Optional Black/Navy jogger bottoms (for outdoor lessons)
	Sports Trainers

Hairstyles should be appropriate and colour of hair should look natural.

School P.E. bags and reading folders are also available to purchase but are not essential.

School uniform can be purchased and embroidered with the school logo on (not compulsory) which are available to buy online at Anne Thomas Workwear in Whitley

Bay <https://annethomasworkwearltd.co.uk> or Emblematic <https://emblematic.co.uk> or Anne Thomas in Whitley Bay. All items in school colours are available to also buy at supermarkets and local stores. Please note that these will not have the school logo on.

The school may have some pre-loved second-hand uniform available that has been kindly donated to school or it may be purchased, for a minimal charge, from Seaton Sluice Community Centre. For assistance with school uniform, please contact the school office at admin@seatonsluicefirst.co.uk

N.B. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exception to this rule is one small pair of earring studs in pierced ears (one earring per ear) and watches. We ask the children to either remove these objects during P.E and games, or preferably refrain from wearing them on the relevant days. If children are unable to remove stud earrings themselves they must cover them with micro pore tape brought from home. If they are unable to cover or remove their earrings they will be unable to take part in the P.E lesson for health and safety reasons. Children wishing to have their ears pierced must have them done at the beginning of the 6-week summer holiday so that they can be removed on their return to school in September.

Footwear

Children should wear 'sensible flat school shoes' with laces, buckles or Velcro fastenings to ensure safety at all times. The school wants all children's feet to grow healthily. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels and we strongly discourage the wearing of such. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school. This is because this type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE, or leisurewear. Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

P.E.

To ensure the health and safety of all children at Seaton Sluice First school, we expect each child to follow our P.E. dress code.

- Children will change into their PE kit for indoor and outdoor P.E
- If children forget their P.E kit, we expect children to take part in the lesson using spare school kit.
- Children with long hair will be expected to have it tied back for P.E lessons.
- All watches and jewellery should be removed.
- Earrings to be covered with micro pore tape/Elastoplast's if they cannot be taken out.
- For Dance and Gymnastics children will take part in plimsolls or bare feet.

- For outdoor P.E and games activities in the hall, children will be expected to wear plimsolls or trainers.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

The Role of Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.

If there are specific reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the governors will consider personal circumstances.

Agreed by governing body: January 2024

This policy will be reviewed annually.