



School Uniform Policy

September 2025

Stour Valley Community School expects all of its students to be smartly and safely dressed. We regard it as an essential aspect of setting high expectations across the school. Our uniform identifies us as part of our school community and makes us recognisable in the wider community.

Students are not permitted to deviate from the school uniform policy except in rare and exceptional circumstances. There may be medical reasons that make wearing parts of the uniform impossible. Where this is the case, any agreed changes will be as close to the formal uniform as possible and made only after a meeting with a member of Senior Leadership Team. Religious head scarves may be worn but no other religious insignia is permitted on the outside of the uniform.

Our uniform policy is gender neutral.

ALL STUDENTS

Item	Description	Compulsory item	Source
Black blazer	Embroidered with the school logo.	Compulsory	Price & Buckland
White Shirt	Must be white, of conventional material and traditional design and with a sufficiently long rounded hem (designed to tuck into trousers). Shirts must be tucked in and buttoned to the neck at all times. Long or short sleeves are acceptable.	Compulsory	Any retailer
School Tie	Blue and Gold or the 'Prefect' version	Compulsory	Price & Buckland and SVCS via Parent Pay
Trousers	Trousers must be black and of conventional style and material. 'Skinny fit' trousers are not permitted. Patch pockets or other casual embellishments are not permitted. Belts should be plain black with a discreet buckle. Tight or elasticated/stretch fit or fashion style trousers such as denim jeans, jean style trousers, narrow fitted trousers or cords are not acceptable. Jogging bottoms or leggings are not permitted	Compulsory	Any retailer
Plain Black Skirt	Plain black pleated skirt only permitted – worn to the knee either purchased from Price & Buckland or a very similar skirt purchased from another retailer.	Compulsory	Recommended Price & Buckland for range of waist sizes to ensure skirt is knee-length
Socks	Black no other colours permitted. Should be just above the ankle length. Knee length socks are not permitted	Compulsory	Any retailer
Tights	Plain black	Optional	Any retailer

Shoes	Plain black footwear (flat shoes) which should either be leather or leather look. No canvas or mesh and no athletic style shoes. No boots or boot style shoes should be worn.	Compulsory	Any retailer
Shorts	May be worn in summer term and must be purchased from Price & Buckland. No other shorts will be permitted.	Optional	Price & Buckland
Grey V neck jumper	Purchased from Price & Buckland only. To be worn beneath blazer but must not be worn instead of the blazer.	Optional	Price & Buckland

P.E Kit

Item	Description	Compulsory item	Source
Polo Shirt	Short sleeved blue polo with school emblem	Compulsory	Price & Buckland
1/2 Zip Top	½ zip navy blue top with embroidery	Compulsory	Price & Buckland
Plain Navy black or navy blue shorts	A small logo may be present however this should be discrete	Compulsory	Any retailer
Jogging Bottoms	Navy blue or black and may only be worn during winter months. A small logo may be present however this should be discrete	Optional	Any retailer
Sports Leggings	Navy blue or black with discrete logo. Should be sports style and not fashion leggings	Optional	Any retailer
White socks	Ankle or calf length sports socks to be worn for all indoor P.E lessons	Compulsory	Any retailer
Royal blue football socks	Navy blue football socks (approx. knee length) which should be worn for outdoor P.E lessons	Compulsory	Any retailer
Football boots/Astro boots	To be worn for field activities and should be different to shoes worn for indoor lessons	Compulsory for boys	Any retailer
Sports Trainers	Clean indoor athletic style trainers. Converse style/skateboard shoes are not permitted	Compulsory	Any retailer
P.E Navy blue sweatshirt	May be worn in addition to the ¼ zip top not instead of	Optional	Price & Buckland
P.E rugby shirt	May be worn in addition to the ¼ zip top not instead of	Optional	Price & Buckland
Shin Pads	Football style pads	Compulsory	Any retailer
Gum Shield	Simple for mouthguard	Compulsory for those taking part in contact rugby and hockey outside	Any retailer
Skins/Thermal base layers	May be worn under P.E kit during cold weather	Optional	Any retailer

Additional notes

- When snow is forecast, boots may be worn to and from school, but shoes are to be worn during the normal working day. The school will issue this guidance at the appropriate time.
- Students should be appropriately attired for cold weather i.e., with a coat, hats, gloves etc. which should not be worn inside the school building except before morning registration.

Non-school issue items must not be worn to embellish uniform e.g. hairclips, tie pins, braces, hats/caps (list indicative not exhaustive).

The school should be contacted prior to purchase if there is uncertainty about whether certain styles of uniform item are acceptable.

Make-up, Hairstyles and Jewellery

- No piercings are allowed, other than a single 'stud' type earring in the lobe of each ear. This includes additional piercings around the ear, tongue piercings, nose piercings and other body piercings. Please note that any piercings will need to be removed for PE and Technology. Claiming that a recent piercing may close without a stud or retainer is not an acceptable excuse. Studs and retainers will not be permitted.
- A wristwatch is the only other item of jewellery allowed.
- Religious jewellery may be worn discreetly under clothing and should never be visible.
- A small amount of make-up is allowed provided it is discreet and unobtrusive. False lashes are not allowed. Students will be asked to remove make-up where this is not the case.
- Nail polish or varnish (including 'French Manicure'), and gel, acrylic or false nails are not allowed.
- Extremes of fashion in hair styles and hair colours are not allowed. Natural hair colours only are allowed. Shaved designs of any kind are not permitted. Hair decorations must be small and discreet.

Gender

It is an expectation that students change for PE in communal rooms designated by sex. In circumstances where this causes discomfort on the grounds that a student identifies as transgender, the school will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments. Reasonable adjustments in this situation is described as the use of a separate cubicle, accessible toilet (which are separate and large enough to change in) or another alternative room in the school (where possible and practicable)

Please note:

Stour Valley Community School fully endorses the principle that the school's uniform should be affordable for everyone, ensuring that no student or family is socially excluded through inability to buy. Accordingly, most of the uniform can be bought 'off the peg' from any high street outlet or supermarket; the only items which need to be purchased from local specialist suppliers being some of the sports kit, the tie and blazer. The blazer is competitively priced, retailing at a similar cost to those available from high street outlets and supermarkets (but without the required school badge). If blazers are bought without the school badge, then this will be required to be bought and attached separately. This may prove more expensive than buying the school blazer with the badge already attached.

Stour Valley Community School is committed to an annual appraisal of the uniform's cost to ensure that it continues to be affordable for everyone.

We retain the right to send students home if not in full school uniform. This is made explicit to parents by means of the Home School Agreement "We have clear expectations for uniform, jewellery and PE kit and will strongly enforce these expectations".

The Headteacher, on behalf of the Governing Body, will make the final decision regarding what is permissible in school.

Ratified by Governing Body	SVCS LGB
Date:	May 2025