



School Uniform Policy

Stour Valley Community School expects all of its students to be smartly and safely dressed.

ALL STUDENTS

- **Black blazer** with embroidered blue and yellow school logo
- **White shirt** – Long or short sleeved
- **School tie (or the alternative ‘Prefect’ tie)** – blue and gold – available from SVCS
- **Plain black or charcoal “formal” trousers** - no jogging bottoms, leggings/jeggings or jeans-style trousers
or
- **Plain black or charcoal skirt** – formal, worn to the knee or below. No cotton jersey or thin lycra skirts as these do not stay to the knee.
- **Plain black footwear (flat shoes)** – Leather or ‘leather-look’. No Canvas or mesh. No athletic shoes.
- **Socks** – white, black.
- **Tights** - plain; beige, black or nearly black

Additional points:

- Blue v-neck jumper may also be worn but must not be worn instead of the blazer
- Shirts must be able to be buttoned to the neck and of a length that can be fully tucked in.
- Jeans, jean-like trousers, heavy cotton trousers, “chinos” or any other casual trousers are not acceptable. Trousers should not carry any decorative zips.
- Skirts should be of a style and material that does not ‘ride up’ during the course of the day, and should return to a length no higher than the knee when the student stands at rest.
- If socks are visible, they must be plain coloured, as above.
- Extremes of fashion footwear are not allowed due to health and safety considerations
- Footwear should be either leather or ‘leather-look’ (not suede, canvas, mesh or woollen) and conform to a standard ‘shoe’ silhouette, meaning; no visible ‘bubble’ cushioning; no oversized/‘chunky’ mid-sole etc.
- Athletic shoes are not acceptable except for PE
- The school should be contacted prior to purchase if there is uncertainty about whether certain styles of uniform item are acceptable.
- Students must not wear items of outdoor clothing inside. This includes hats, scarves and gloves.
- No piercings are allowed, other than a single ‘stud’ type earring in the lobe of each ear. This includes additional earrings 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.
- A wristwatch is the only other item of jewellery 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.
- 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/varnish (including ‘French Manicure’); ‘gel’ or acrylic/false nails are not allowed.

The school blazer, sports kit and tie are available from Stour Valley Community School’s uniform supplier Price & Buckland, but all other items can be bought from any retailer.

SPORTS KIT

ALL STUDENTS

- **Pale blue Stour Valley Rugby shirt** with dark blue side panels
- **Blue Stour Valley Polo Shirt** with school logo
- **Navy Blue Physical Education Sweatshirt** with school logo (Optional)
- **Shorts** – black
- **Socks** – white
- **Hockey/football socks** – blue football type
- **Trainers** – white
- **Towel**
- **Swimsuit** – no bikinis

Naming of Clothing

Parents should name all items of clothing with sewn-in name tags or permanent pen.

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, the majority 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 around 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 in order 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
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