



Staffordshire University Academy Trust		<b>St. Edward's CE Academy, Cheddleton</b> <b>Uniform Policy</b>				
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Our policy has been reviewed with due regard for Statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

***In sending your child to SEAC, you are agreeing to ensure that you and your child/children abide by guidelines outlined within this policy.***

### **Why should children at SEAC wear our school uniform?**

At SEAC, we believe that wearing the correct school uniform is an essential part of our school life as;

- It is both practical and smart (shirts tucked in but a paint or mud stain is fine and an expected part of school life in a first school 😊)
- It can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos and values of a school, set an appropriate tone and promote positive behaviour
- It instils a sense of pride and belonging within our community
- It is inclusive and makes children feel equal to their peers

***For these reasons, we expect that the correct school uniform is worn by all children at all times.***

### **Accessibility to school uniform**

At SEAC we recognise the need to ensure that our uniform is affordable. We will therefore use any donated uniform to hold 'good as new sales' and a school 'swap shop'.

SEAC also recognises its obligations to accommodate reasonable requirements within the official school uniform and to ensure it is not discriminatory on the grounds of disability, gender, race, religion or belief. Please be aware that what is and is not acceptable will be decided by the academy in line with this policy and with due regard to the Equality Act, 2000. *Please contact Mrs Leese, our Home, School Community Link Lead, if you need to discuss exceptions to the policy.*

### **Where will I get school uniform from?**

- Bookbags and PE bags are available from the school office.
- Good as new stock and our swap shop is accessible via Mrs Leese (Home, School, Community Link Lead) and regular sales/events
- All other items of uniform will be available directly from SuperSports Limited, Hope Silk Mill, Macclesfield Road, Leek. *On renewal of our contract, we will engage in due diligence procurement to ensure best value for money costings and wider choice of supplier.*

## What does our school uniform consist of?

- Our Academy will provide protective/waterproof clothing for all children to use in school. This is worn over the top of school uniform/PE kit/coat as appropriate.
- Our Academy will provide all children with a water bottle that is kept in school (washed and filled) so that children can access them during lesson time.
- Our Academy will provide all children with a SEAC book bag when they access our nursery provision.

<p><b>Whole school</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School wellies (to be kept in school, but may be worn to and from school in bad weather)</li> <li>• School book bag (provided by PTFA for our new to nursery children)</li> <li>• Sun hat (weather dependant)</li> <li>• All day / once a day sun cream (applied before school)</li> <li>• Sensible black school shoes all year or flat, plain black boots in the winter months (no trainers or sandals)</li> <li>• Burgundy (available with logo but not compulsory) or grey fleece (non-branded)</li> </ul> <p><i>The heating is on, as appropriate, and the windows are open for ventilation as required. Children may wear a fleece in addition to (and not instead of) their school sweatshirt/cardigan if they are cold in school. Children will also be permitted to wear their PE sweatshirt on top of their uniform if needed.</i></p>
<p><b>PE Kit for ALL</b> (to be kept in school)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>School PE bag (non-stringed)</u></li> <li>• Round neck white t-shirt</li> <li>• Black shorts</li> <li>• Spare socks</li> <li>• Trainers</li> <li>• Black round neck sweatshirt (available with logo but not compulsory)</li> <li>• Black tracksuit bottoms (non-branded)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Early Years</b> (in addition to the above)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White <u>polo shirt</u></li> <li>• Burgundy <u>V neck</u> sweatshirt / cardigan <u>with school logo</u></li> <li>• Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / skorts / pinafore</li> <li>• <u>Grey</u> socks or tights (weather dependent)</li> <li>• Burgundy red and white sun dress / skort dress <u>with white socks</u> (April to the end of July only)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Stage 1 &amp; 2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White <u>shirt and School tie</u></li> <li>• Burgundy <u>V neck</u> sweatshirt / cardigan <u>with school logo</u></li> <li>• Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / skorts / pinafore</li> <li>• <u>Grey</u> socks or tights</li> <li>• Burgundy red and white sun dress / skort dress <u>with white socks</u> (April to the end of July only)</li> </ul>

**All items of school uniform must be clearly labelled with the child's name.**

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## Additional Information

### Watches

- Children may wear a sensible analogue watch to school (no character watches)
- Children may wear digital watches that count steps, as well as the time. Watches that take photographs or are GPS/cellular enabled are not permitted.

*Please note: Although permitted, we would not recommend that children in the Early Years wear a watch of any kind.*

### Earrings

- For safety reasons, earrings in the Early Years are not allowed.
- If earrings are worn in KS1/KS2, they must be small gold or silver studs.
- In the interest of safety, children who are participating in physical activities must not wear earrings.
- We encourage children with pierced ears in KS1 and KS2 to leave earrings at home on school days so that they can enjoy all physical/active learning experiences in school.
- Staff will not be responsible for the removal, insertion or storage of earrings.
- **With written consent**, children in KS1/KS2 may remove and store **their own** earrings.

*Please note: The school will not be responsible for any injury or loss due to the removal or insertion of earrings.*

### Hair

- Longer hair must be tied back at all times
- **ALL** headwear should be **school colours** or natural hair colours and of a reasonable size.
- Coloured hair braids must not be visible (tied back under hair) at all times

### **These items are not permitted at SEAC**

- School bags (other than school book bag, school PE bag, swimming bag and lunchbox)
- Other jewellery, other than that stated above
- Toys
- Umbrellas
- Tattoos
- Nail varnish
- Open toed shoes / heels
- Pencil cases (all stationery for in school use will be provided)

*However, as part of personal development, and preparation for transition to their next phase of education, **Year 4 children are invited to bring a school bag of choice, a pencil case and their PE kits / resources to and from school after May half term.** This is suggested as a time for staff and parents/carers to teach and support the children in learning to remember and look after their own belongings. **ALL belongings and resources must be clearly labelled.***

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