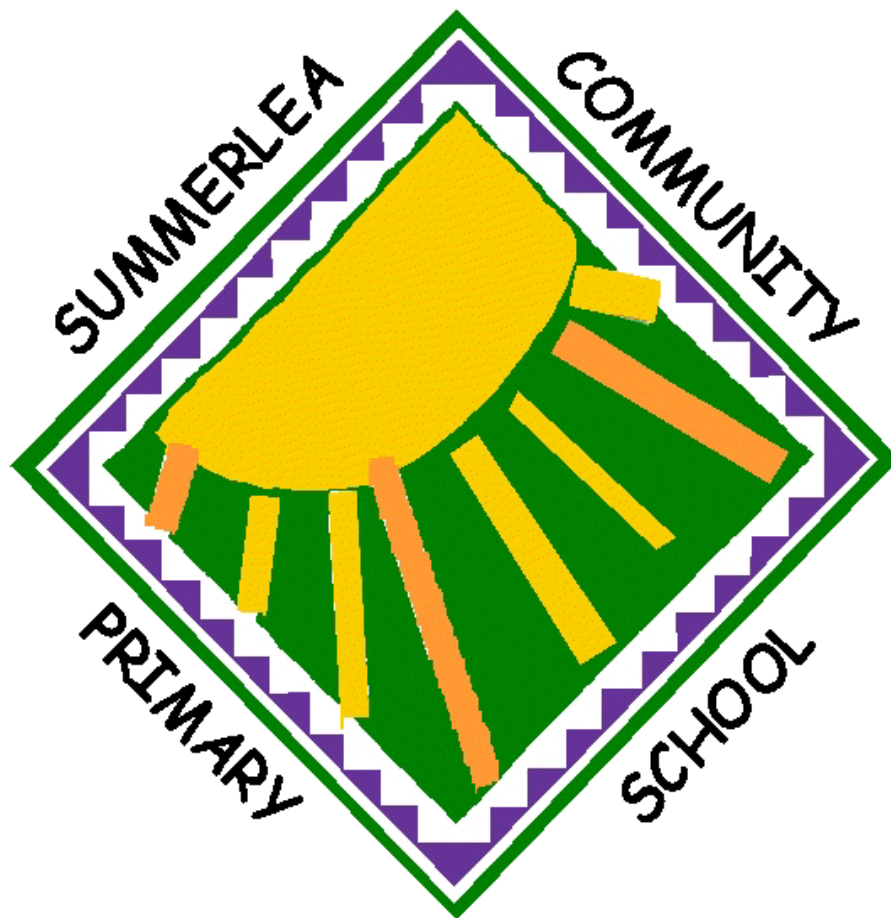




School Uniform Policy

Effective September 2026

Introduction

Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. It is our school policy and expectation that all children should wear school uniform when attending school. The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Summerlea Community Primary School, parents/carers agree to support our policy.

Uniform ensures a level playing field where not child feels singled out or different because of clothing trends.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents/carers as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

In the creation of this policy, the non-statutory guidance on developing a school uniform policy and the statutory guidance around the cost of school uniform has been adhered to from The Department for Education (DfE).

Our uniform suppliers

Uniform with the school logo is available to buy from our two suppliers Felix Schoolwear Littlehampton and YourSchoolUniform.com

If as a school we plan to change the supplier arrangements for our uniform, we will communicate with parents/carers about this to explain why the supplier arrangements are changing and how this will affect parents/carers.

Our school also has a stock of second-hand uniform that can be purchased at a very reasonable cost.

If any parents/carers do have any difficulties, then please contact the school for support and guidance. Please ask the office for information.

Essential Uniform Items

- Yellow polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Dark grey/black trousers, shorts, skirts, skorts or pinafores

- Plain white, grey, dark green or black socks or tights
- Black school shoes – please see school shoes section for further guidance

**We ask that skirts and shorts are of a suitable length so that when children sit, stand or engage in play they can do so without showing their underwear.*

****** Year 6 pupils may be invited to wear their Year 6 leavers' t-shirts in replacement of their yellow t-shirt during the summer term and their leavers' hoodies to and from school and on special events / days, not in the classroom.

Optional Uniform Items

- Green/white or yellow/white checked or striped summer dress/ playsuit/ shorts
- Dark Green fleece

School shoes

Please note that appropriate and comfortable black footwear is an essential part of our school uniform.

Plain black shoes or trainers are acceptable. **They should not have any form of colour or logos showing on them because we aim to keep our uniform affordable and inclusive for all families.** Branded footwear or those with colourful logos / identity can cause unwanted competition, peer pressure and financial stress.

It is not permitted to wear any form of high heels, platforms, or boots and shoes with heavy buckles and chains should not be worn for safety reasons. Likewise summer sandals with open toes are not suitable.

Essential PE Kit

- Summerlea green PE sports top or plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo)*
- Plain green / black / white shorts**
- Tracksuit (optional for outdoor PE in colder weather) Jogging bottoms/hoodies should be plain, dark colours (no logos or bright colours)***
- Suitable footwear – plimsolls or trainers

**We are transitioning out the old white PE T-shirts (with or without the Summerlea logo). These may still be worn this year but by September 2027 we would like all children to have a green PE T-Shirt (with or without a logo).*

***We ask that shorts are of a suitable and appropriate length for school PE. Gymnastics hotpants are not suitable shorts to be worn for school PE. Children must bring a change of trousers and flared school trousers cannot be worn for health and safety reasons.*

****Year 6 pupils may wear their Year 6 leavers' hoodies on PE days.*

Swimming

Children may wear any of the suitable items of swimwear:

- A one-piece swimsuit
- Fitted swimming trunks or short swimming shorts (not long or baggy Bermuda-style shorts)
- A fitted rash vest / modesty swimwear

Children may be required to wear a swimming hat, this will be communicated to parents separately.

Bags

Children should have a reasonable sized bag for school. Small sports bags, small rucksacks and traditional shoe bags are all acceptable. We ask parents/carers to please ensure that carrier bags are not brought into school and that bags are small enough to hang on pegs in cloakrooms.

Book bags are available from our uniform suppliers, however any new children joining Summerlea will be given a book bag with the compliments of the PTA.

Jewellery

For Health and Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears, jewellery worn for religious nature and a watch. We ask these items are removed during physical activity and PE lessons or they are covered by plasters or tape.

Wrist bands and necklaces that are worn to support a SEND need, must be approved with the SENDCo and Phase Leaders and should have a quick release system in case of entanglement. This is for the safety of all children.

****Staff do not put ear studs etc. back in if the child cannot manage them.**

Hair

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme hairstyles which include mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes are not acceptable at school.

Children with long hair need to ensure that this is tied back appropriately. All children are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough, for PE, D&T, cookery, Forest School and swimming lessons, and we encourage long hair to be tied back during the school day as a general.

Hair bands must be plain with no additional accessories/decoration and must be either black, white, grey, yellow or green.

Make-up

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish and fake nails. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be removed.

If a child is wearing make-up, they will be asked to remove it and wipes will be provided to support the child in doing so.

Special Days, Visits and Extra-Curricular Activities:

There may be days where children are asked to wear something other than their school uniform. Parents will be given notice of this, either on the school newsletter or via Class Dojo.

If a child is not able to find appropriate clothes for a themed day they may wear their school uniform. For the majority of visits in school time children will be expected to wear their school

uniform, so they can be easily identified.

If the visit may involve the children getting their uniform dirty, parents will be informed that they may wear other footwear, or clothes.

Lost Property

We expect all uniform to be named so that it can be returned quickly. We encourage parents to use the iron-on labels which are quick and easy to use. In some circumstances, school staff may label school clothing with the child's name in pen if it is not named already.

Items of lost property which are named will be returned to the child. Other lost property will be kept at school and will be accessible to parents. Lost property will also be arranged outside at the end or beginning of the school day for parents to look through throughout the school year. Any unclaimed property may be re-sold by the school, donated to charity, or disposed of as necessary.

Children Eligible to Receive Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

In order to support low-income families, it is our policy to supply one set of school uniform free of charge to parents, for each child each year who have registered for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium. More information can be found on our school website about eligibility and how to apply.

The Role of the School Community Council (SCC) and the Headteacher

The headteacher has overall responsibility for ensuring the standards are maintained and this policy followed by pupils and families.

The local SCC supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the SCC's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

The SCC ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, inclusive, safe and practical.

The SCC may give discretionary allowance and must consider exceptions not only for religious beliefs, but for those pupils who contend that a cultural or family practice means an exemption or relaxation of the rules would be necessary

Role of the Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. Staff will give reminders and prompts to pupils about their uniform and communicate with parents when uniform standards do not meet the schools expectations.

They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship or additional needs has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

Staff will ensure they are following the staff code of conduct in relation to their own appearance and dress.

Role of the parents/carers

Parents/carers will:

- Support the School Uniform Policy;
- Ensure children come properly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork every day;
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named – this helps lost items be easily identified and returned;
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school complaints procedure.
- Ensure that items of clothing and shoes are in good repair and clean.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, or is not in-line with a child's religious, cultural or family traditions, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities, religious or cultural traditions unfavourably.

Role of the children

Children will:

- Wear the school uniform when attending school, representing the school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours;
- Wear the school uniform with pride;
- Try to keep their uniform clean and tidy;
- Remember to wear PE kit / bring swimming kit on the correct days.

Inclusion

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

Summerlea Community Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work and learn free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Non-compliance with the School Uniform Policy

If a child breaches the school uniform policy, a member of staff will talk to them to find out why they are not in uniform and to remind them of the need to wear one.

If a child breaches this again, parents/carers will be notified of this.

If a child forgets their PE or swimming kit, school will attempt to contact parents/carers to bring a PE or swimming kit to school. If parents are not able to do so, a spare school kit may be provided for the child in order to participate. If this is not appropriate, the child will be set other work for completion to be done during this time.

If a pupil is deemed to be wearing inappropriate or offensive clothing or footwear, the school reserves the right to ask the pupil to change into school provided uniform items. Sanctions resulting in non-compliance will be dealt with in line with the school's behaviour policy.

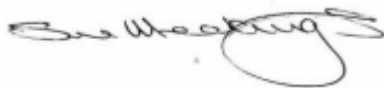
We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school or P.E. uniform (lost or damaged or due to injury) and we ask parents/carers to contact us on the day to confirm the reason.

Summerlea Community Primary School expects all pupils and parents to conform with this policy, but in the event of persistent breaches, we will work closely with the parents/carers to resolve the issue.

Review

The SCC will review the policy at appropriate intervals (at least once every five years as a minimum) to ensure it is still fit for purpose.

This Policy was approved by the SCC on:.....July 2026.....



Signature of Chair of SCC:



Signature of Headteacher:

Policy Review Form

Please complete this section when reviewing and updating this document.

Author	Name	Date
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	Pg 2: updated supplier information.	KStrong - Jul 2026

Pg 3: footwear rationale added, updated PE top information, swimming section made non gender specific.

Pg 4: religious jeweallary – wording updated, additional of Forest School to hair section, updated communication to included Class Dojo.

Pg 5: addition of purpose to include, 'inclusive'.