

# Stratton Upper School

## Uniform Policy



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## School Uniform

At Stratton we believe that it is important for all students to take a pride in the way that they present themselves at school as this demonstrates a great deal about their own self-respect, as well as their attitude to school and to learning.

### Our uniform policy is as follows:

There are six principles which inform our uniform policy and dress code. This covers all clothes and footwear, which should:

- be comfortable, easy to work in and practical
- provide value for money by being both competitively priced and of good quality
- emphasise and enable consistency i.e. there should be uniformity
- be easily accessible for all students and families
- provide a healthy and safe environment for the body either indoors, outdoors or both
- make it easy to distinguish sports and PE wear from “normal” clothing.

School Uniform consists of:

- Black school jumper embroidered with the school badge– only available through the school.
- Plain black trousers/skirts. (Jeans and leggings are not allowed.)
- White cotton or polyester shirts or blouses only.
- School tie – available through the school.
- **Black** low or flat heeled shoes
- Belts, if worn should be functional, fitting through the loops of trousers.
- Tights, if worn, should be plain, natural, grey or black.
- Fashion items are not permitted.

### In addition:

- Hair should not be extreme in terms of style or colour. Any final decision will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.
- Coats/jackets must be removed in school.
- Jewellery should be restricted to the following:
  - a single plain necklace hidden from view
  - wrist watch
  - a single plain ring
  - a single simple bracelet (a plain single band)
  - a single pair of plain ear studs – one in each ear lobe
- Make up must be **discreet** and should not interfere with the student’s ability to participate fully in any school activity e.g. nail extensions (in Technology/PE.)
- Shirts must be tucked in, buttoned and ties worn in the traditional manner.
- **Facial piercings are not allowed.** Body piercing is highly discouraged, should not be visible or of a type which endangers health and safety or prevents students from participating in lessons.

Stratton Upper School takes no responsibility for loss in any circumstances and items of value should be left at home.

Jewellery **must** be removed prior to participation in subjects where there are implications for health and safety e.g. Technology and PE.

### Summer Uniform (worn from Easter to the end of the Summer term only):

- White short sleeved cotton shirt and tie, black skirt or trousers as for winter uniform. Jumpers may be removed but should be the first layer added if an additional layer is required.
- As an alternative to the shirt and tie, students may wear a white polo shirt embroidered with the school logo, these are available through the school.

### Sports Uniform

All students are required to have the following items of sports clothing for the start of the academic year in September.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Royal blue reversible rugby shirt – to be purchased from school</li><li>✓ Royal blue polo shirt embroidered with the school badge – to be ordered on line</li><li>✓ Black rugby/soccer shorts embroidered with the school badge – to be ordered on line</li><li>✓ Royal blue football socks – can be ordered online</li><li>✓ Soccer boots</li><li>✓ Training shoes with non marking sole – (high ankle support not recommended)</li><li>✓ Shin pads/gum shield (compulsory)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Royal blue polo style shirt embroidered with the school badge – to be ordered on line</li><li>✓ Plain black shorts embroidered with the school badge – to be ordered on line</li><li>✓ Royal blue socks – can be ordered on line</li><li>✓ School fleece (optional) embroidered with school badge – to be ordered on line</li><li>✓ Plain black tracksuit bottoms (optional)</li><li>✓ Training shoes with non marking sole – (high ankle support not recommended)</li><li>✓ Shin pads (compulsory)</li><li>✓ Gum shield (advisable)</li></ul>
<p>All PE uniform must be named clearly. All jewellery must be removed. Body piercing cannot be accepted as a reason for students not taking part in lessons.</p>	

All students in Years 9, 10 & 11 are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times including going to and from school.

Shirts and trousers suitable for school can be purchased from most high street retailers.

### Financial Assistance with Uniform

Central Bedfordshire no longer provides support for families in cases where there is financial hardship. If you are experiencing genuine financial difficulties, and your son/daughter is eligible for free school meals, please contact Ms Hodges, Deputy Headteacher at Stratton Upper School.

However, assistance is available for some families in **Cambridgeshire**. Parents currently in receipt of free school meals, or who hold a current NHS Tax Credit exemption Certificate will qualify for a payment of £25 for year 9, 10 and 11 pupils. Payments are made directly to a parent/carer's bank account. Please apply early as funds are limited, by contacting Cambridgeshire on 01480 372307 for a paper application form or for details about applying on-line.