



WEAVERS FEDERATION PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Stewart Headlam School Uniform Policy 2026-2029

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Ensure uniform is varied and the needs and comfort of all children.
- Keep costs down through most of the uniform being available through supermarkets
- Swimming costumes are varied and account for religious and personal reasons and follow the guidelines set out by the swimming provider.
- Religious garments such as headscarves and caps may be worn.
- Children who may have sensory or physical needs may have altered or adapted uniform.
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with a member of the senior leadership team, who can answer

questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary.

- Khalsa Schoolwear on Bethnal Green Road, stocks our branded Fleece, jumper, cardigan and PE shirt. These are the only branded items that we ask children to wear. School branded rucksacks and book bags are available at Khalsa too. Book bags must be Stewart Headlam branded, however, rucksacks are optional and may be bought elsewhere.
- Our trousers, skirts, shorts and pinafore dresses must be black, but these are cost effective and can be purchased from a wide variety of stores including local supermarkets. Our pinafore dresses come in a range of colours and again are available widely. Polo shirts can be worn in the school logo colours, which makes it easier to purchase from a variety of colours.
- We ask for footwear to be school shoes or black trainers. This is to ensure safety of children and to negate the need for branded trainers or footwear. Plimsolls or black trainers must be worn for PE.

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

NURSERY

Nursery children attend the federation nursery based at Hague school premises. As they are young children who may get clothing dirty more than other year groups, we have decided that nursery children do not need to wear uniform, as it is not practical.

It is entirely parental choice whether to buy uniform for nursery children.

- We expect all children to have a top layer of branded clothing. This is either a branded purple fleece, jumper or cardigan with the school logo. For PE, We expect t-shirts with school logo to be worn.
- Footwear must be of sensible black shoe shoes or black trainers. In the summer, sandal with straps around heels are allowed. No flip, flops, sliders or heels may be worn
- Children wear black tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings with a branded school t-shirt for PE. Plimsolls or black trainers have to be worn for PE.

- For swimming lessons, we expect children to wear swimming trunks/suit, which can be adapted to suit the swimming pool policy.
- Children may keep their hair long, however, we ask that long hair is tied back or bands are used to keep hair back.
- The school does not allow any jewelry to be worn other than studs in ears. Studs must be small and flat.
- Children may wear coats, hats and scarves of their own choice however; we encourage and recommend that children have suitable coats during winter.

Children will not be allowed to wear hoodies in the school building.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition
- Parents/carers are also expected to contact a member of the senior leadership team-if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:
 - Their child's protected characteristics
 - The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply. This may be in the form of letter indicating which uniform piece the child has been missing. For persistent cases, teachers will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

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

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every three years by the Head of School.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy

Appendix 1

Stewart Headlam School Uniform

Polo Neck T Shirt Colours



Girls Gingham Dress Colours



School Logo Tops



**Purple Stewart
Headlam Logo
Fleece**



**Purple Stewart
Headlam Logo
Cardigan**



**Purple Stewart
Headlam Logo
Jumper**



BLACK TROUSERS



BLACK SKIRT



BLACK SHORTS

SCHOOL SHOES



Black School Shoes

Black Trainers



PE KIT UNIFORM



**STEWART HEADLAM
Purple T-SHIRT**



BLACK LEGGINGS



**BLACK PLIMSOLLS
OR TRAINERS**



BLACK SHORTS



**STEWART HEADLAM
RUCKSACK**

SWIMMING KIT

One towel



**A one-piece swim-
ming suit (girls)**



Swimming trunks



Swimming hat



A Swimming bag



Goggles (optional)

