

Surlingham Primary School and Nursery

Uniform Guidelines

2026-27



Surlingham
Primary School

Uniform Guidelines 2026-27

School Uniform

Surlingham Primary School requires all students to wear a school uniform. Our school uniform helps our pupils to feel part of our school community and has been chosen to be comfortable and appropriate for the activities pupils will undertake during the school day.

The school will ensure that its uniform policy is inclusive and does not disadvantage pupils on the grounds of financial hardship, disability, religion, belief, gender identity, or protected characteristics. Reasonable adjustments will be made where appropriate.

Government guidance on the cost of school uniforms

In the Autumn of 2021, the government issued new guidance to schools on uniform. The aim of this guidance is to minimise the cost of uniform for parents through a reduction in school branded items, allowing parents to purchase uniform from a wider range of suppliers.

Surlingham Primary School and the Sapientia Education Trust fully support making school uniform affordable and accessible for all children, and we have reviewed and changed our school uniform to reflect the requirements outlined in the statutory guidance.

The school will ensure that its uniform policy is designed to keep costs to a minimum and will regularly review uniform requirements to ensure they remain affordable, practical, and do not create financial barriers for families. The number of branded items required will be kept to a minimum in line with statutory guidance and emerging legislative expectations.

Changes to school uniform from September 2022

From September 2022 there will be no requirement for parents of Surlingham Primary School to purchase any item of branded school uniform from any specific supplier. Parents will need to ensure that uniform follows the school requirements which are provided below, but can purchase uniform items from any retailer. Whilst stocks last, parents are welcome to continue to purchase and use branded items and there is no expectation that parents will need to replace branded items with non-branded items. However, the school will not be ordering any additional branded items from suppliers. Surlingham Primary School also encourages all parents to share unwanted items, branded or unbranded, using the School's Uniform Exchange service, details of which are provided below. If you are struggling to access any item of uniform during the school year, please contact the school office for guidance and support.

Our uniform

Whilst we have removed the requirement for branded uniform items, it is important that our uniform policy is followed to provide a shared identity for all pupils in our school. Our uniform requirements are listed below:

Item	Status	Seasonal
Grey or Black Trousers/Shorts (no denim or leggings please)	Required	All year
Grey or Black Skirt	Required	All year
Grey or Black Pinafore	Required	All year
Red/White checked dress	Required	All year
Red Sweatshirt or Cardigan	Required	All year
Red Polo Shirt	Required	All year
Plain red, Black, Grey or White Socks/Tights	Required	All year
Black Shoes/Trainers – no open toes	Required	All year
PE Kit		
Plain red T-shirt	Required	All year
Black Shorts	Required	All year
Plimsolls for indoor PE	Required	All year
Trainers for outdoor PE	Required	All year
Tracksuit for outdoor use in colder weather	Optional	Seasonal

Optional Seasonal Local specialist supplier information (alphabetical)

Below are the contact details for local specialist suppliers with both online and retail shops who supply school uniform all year round.

Parents are not required to purchase from these suppliers, and similar items may be purchased from any retailer provided they meet the school uniform specification.

Birds of Dereham:

www.birdsofdereham.com We are a long-established family-owned business. We are happy to ship to anywhere in the UK and if you have a panic situation and have been let down, then give us a call and we will always see what we can do to help. We won't promise the impossible, but we will do our best to sort your requirements in a speedy, polite and professional way.

01362 692941 | 01362 699130

enquiries@birdsofdereham.com

Unit D, 13 Yaxham Road, Dereham NR19 1HB

Stevensons:

www.stevensons.co.uk We combine the traditional service with a complete multi-channel offer, making ordering school uniform and sportswear easier than ever for parents. Our 24 hour online uniform shop offers an efficient and simple way to buy. Whilst for customers who prefer a more traditional shopping experience, our school wear specific retail shops offer a full fitting service. Our Customer Service Team are also available by phone or online chat, to help answer customer questions.

01603 622355

norwichbranch@stevensons.co.uk

67 Ber Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 3AD

Supermarkets and high street retailers (alphabetical)

This section provides links to a range of alternative retail and supermarket suppliers. Stock availability may vary depending on the supplier and time of year.

Aldi: www.aldi.co.uk

Amazon: www.amazon.co.uk

Asda: www.asda.com

John Lewis: www.johnlewis.com

Lidl: www.lidl.co.uk

Marks and Spencer: www.marksandspencer.com

Morrisons: www.morrisons.com

Next: www.next

Sainsburys: www.sainsburys.com

Tesco: www.tesco.com

Uniform exchange

With the support of our parent group, FOSS, we offer a uniform exchange service. This takes place once a term and is advertised on school notice boards and published on the weekly newsletter. Surlingham Primary School encourages all parents to share unwanted items, branded or unbranded, using the School's Uniform Exchange service that happens once per term during the academic year. If you are struggling to access any item of uniform during the school year, please contact the school office for guidance and support.

The school actively promotes the reuse and recycling of uniform items and encourages families to access the uniform exchange service to support affordability and sustainability.

Jewellery

- Pupils may wear one small, plain stud earring in each ear.
- A discreet wristwatch may be worn.
- No other jewellery is permitted.
- Pupils will be asked to remove excess jewellery.
- Earrings must be either taped over or removed for PE lessons in accordance with health and safety guidance.

Hair

- Hair should be kept clean, tidy, and in a natural colour.
- Extreme hairstyles, such as shaved patterns or bright/unusual colours, are not permitted.
- Long hair should be tied back for safety and hygiene (e.g., during PE or practical lessons).

Nails

- False nails, gel nails, or acrylics are not allowed in school.
- Nails should be kept short and clean and free of polish

Uniform





PE Kit

