



Derwent and Southill Federation

*We are a Values-led Federation
We respect ourselves; We respect others; We respect the environment.*



Uniform Policy

Derwent and Southill's approach

We are caring schools and promote positive behaviour and respect for each individual. As part of this approach, all children are expected to wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in school organised events even sometimes outside normal school hours. We want our children to take pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought through our website or direct with our uniform supplier, whilst others are easily available at local shops including supermarkets. Additionally, both schools hold a large range of clean good quality second hand items, which can be obtained either free or through a donation to the relevant school PTA organisations.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, are included in appendices 1 and 2.

Derwent and Southill's aims...

At Derwent and Southill the aims of our uniform policy are to:

- Promote a sense of pride and belonging in our school with a practical and smart design
- Help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identify the children with the school, ensuring that they are safe
- Support our commitment to inclusion
- Prevent children from wearing unsuitable 'fashion clothes' that can place unreasonable financial demands on parents and may also be inappropriate for the demands and activities in the school day.
- Ensure uniform which is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery other than a single pair of ear-ring studs in pierced ears. The single pair of stud ear-rings must be removed prior to PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note that teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for the children.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours' function such as a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes. Boots may be worn during periods of inclement weather, but they must be plain black and with a flat heel. Boots above the knee are not appropriate. On PE days children can wear PE trainers to school. Children are not permitted to wear open-toed sandals, flip flops or sliders due to health and safety reasons.

The role of parents and carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, please speak in confidence to the Headteacher at Derwent or the Headteacher at Southill, to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or who do not have a PE kit may be loaned an appropriate item. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear

clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests appropriately. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

Any families in receipt of Free School Meals will be offered uniform purchase support and clean good quality second hand uniform free of charge. Please contact the school office for information or to talk about this confidentially.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the federation leadership to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Watches

Children may wear a watch but the school will not take responsibility for the safety of this on site.

No smart watches are allowed unless they have notifications and internet links prevented on the school site. If they are worn then they should be handed in to the school office for safekeeping to the end of the school day.

Policy Review

The Governing Body of our school is responsible for ensuring the review of this policy, and for reporting back to the Local Authority.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Parsons', written in a cursive style.

Signed: Neil Parsons (Chair of Governors)

Date policy reviewed: September 2026

Date of Review: September 2027



Appendix 1 - School Uniform List (Derwent)

Uniform with new logos can be purchased directly from the school. You can purchase unbranded items of clothing from your local supermarket / retailer. In addition uniform can be purchased from Beats of Hitchin.

Summer:

Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with the Derwent logo

Yellow and white checked dresses may be worn for ***summer months only (generally May to September)***.

Grey or black shorts / grey or black trousers

Plain white/grey/black short or knee length socks (not over the knee) **or** grey or black tights

Winter:

Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with the Derwent logo

Grey skirt / grey pinafore dress / grey or black shorts / grey or black trousers

White blouse / shirt or polo shirt, with or without the Derwent logo

Plain white/grey/black short or knee length socks (not over the knee) **or** grey or black tights

All skirts and dresses must be knee length and provide appropriate dignity. Shorts, even when these are worn over tights, should be of an appropriate length (mid-thigh). Trousers or good quality leggings must be full length and leggings/tracksuit bottoms without logos except SMALL sports logos (eg the Nike symbol) are acceptable for PE.

PE Kit:

Maroon t-shirt with Derwent logo

Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms

Black or maroon hoodie with no large writing or logos

Leggings and tracksuit bottoms should be full length and are only permitted for PE.

Footwear:

All footwear should be flat, black and appropriate for school. No trainers, crocs or heeled footwear.

Trainers and plimsoles ONLY for PE / sports activities.

General health and safety information:

Children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE (please see your child's class timetable for PE days).

Children should not wear scarves or hats inside the school building. Hats outside in the summer are desirable and should be clearly named.

Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently especially in the early years. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. If boots are worn in inclement weather these also should be plain black, flat and not above the knee.





Appendix 2 - School Uniform List (Southill)

Uniform with logos can be purchased directly from the school. You can purchase unbranded items of clothing from your local supermarket / retailer.

Summer:

Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the Southill logo

Blue and white checked dresses may be worn for the summer months (***generally May to September***).

Grey or black shorts / grey or black trousers

Plain white/grey/black short or knee length socks (not over the knee) **or** grey or black tights

Winter:

Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the Southill logo

Grey skirt / grey pinafore dress / grey or black shorts / grey or black trousers

White blouse / shirt or polo shirt, with or without the Southill logo

Plain white/grey/black short or knee length socks (not over the knee) **or** grey or black tights

All skirts and dresses must be knee length and provide appropriate dignity. Shorts, even when these are worn over tights, should be of an appropriate length (mid-thigh). Trousers or good quality leggings must be full length and leggings/tracksuit bottoms without logos except SMALL sports logos (eg the Nike symbol) are acceptable for PE.

PE Kit:

White t-shirt with Southill logo

Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms

Black or blue hoodie with no large writing or logos

Leggings and tracksuit bottoms should be full length and are only permitted for PE.

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