



School Uniform and PE Kit FAQs

In response to our recent letter on the change in logo and colour on Uniform and PE kit for our new starters, we have received a small number of emails seeking further information and clarity. We have compiled answers to the more common questions for your information. If you do have any further questions that are not addressed here, or you still feel that your family will be adversely affected, please do contact us by email at admin@testbourne.school

Uniform and PE kit are addressed in two separate sections for clarity.

General information

The changes to the uniform are minor cosmetic changes to tie the uniform and PE kit for our new Year 7 students into the branding colour scheme that has been developed since the redesign of our website. They consist of:

1. A change of the badge colour scheme from gold to white.
2. A change of the tie trim from gold to white.
3. A change of the PE kit from gold colourways to white.

The intention is to phase these changes in as each Year 7 group join us and to do so whilst causing minimal financial penalty and inconvenience for our parents and carers.

Questions in relation to School Uniform

1. I was intending to pass uniform down to my child who will be starting in Year 7 from an older sibling. Can I still do this?

Yes, you can purchase a 'blazer badge' with the new logo on from school to sew over the old logo for £4. We have made a bulk order but there is currently a delay of 6-8 weeks on the blazer badges from the suppliers. Please contact Mr Lester by email

(r.lester@testbourne.school) should you wish to reserve one. You should note that although it is not compulsory for you to purchase a new tie, the new and legacy colours do clash, so you may wish to purchase one with a white stripe at a cost of £4.50 and these are available directly from Skoolkit.

2. If my child is in year 8-11 next academic year, can they buy the new-style uniform?

We recommend that your child continues to wear and buy the legacy uniform until stock depletes. Gradually over time, Skoolkit will move to selling new-style uniform only so we anticipate that there will be a mix of uniform logos during the phasing in process over the next 4 years. If you wish to buy new-style uniform now, you may do so. The additional cost of purchasing the legacy school uniform will be £4 for a blazer badge and £4.50 for a new tie. With these purchases, you would be able to pass the legacy uniform to a younger sibling as required. Please see question 1 for more detail.

3. I have already purchased the new-style uniform from Skoolkit and my child will be in Year 8-11 in September. What should I do?

Skoolkit are happy to arrange for items to be exchanged. Please contact Skoolkit directly to arrange this. Alternatively, you and/or your child can choose to change to the new-style uniform now. Please remember that if you buy a new blazer then you will most likely want to replace your tie so the colours match. Please also remember that if you choose to retain the new uniform, your child's uniform will be slightly different to most of their peers.



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4. Can I use a mixture of new and old items of uniform?

You can use the sweatshirts with yellow logos on and mix with the new-style blazer and tie, but we strongly recommend that your child has both a blazer and tie that match colours in either white or yellow (depending on which year group they will be in) as the tie and blazer colours are highly visible and the new colours do clash somewhat with the older colours.

5. We will struggle to be able to afford to buy new uniform. What can we do?

We understand that this might be an issue for some families. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact Mr Lester directly by email: r.lester@testbourne.school as we have a number of options available to support our families.

6. Will the legacy Uniform be available in future years for my child to buy from Skoolkit?

Skoolkit does hold some stock for the legacy Uniform and we hold ties at school which are available to buy online through Tucasi. Over time, stock will deplete and Skoolkit will not produce any further items. In this case, you can either loan second-hand uniform from the school or can purchase the new-style uniform directly from Skoolkit so long as the tie and blazer match colour.

7. Is the Skoolkit store in Basingstoke open and will I be able to try on items of uniform for sizing?

Skoolkit's shop in Basingstoke is now open. Staff are very experienced at advising customers, but unfortunately, they are not allowing students to try on clothing in store due to COVID-19 restrictions. You can return and exchange items that you purchase if they are not the correct size or faulty as per Skoolkit's returns policy.

8. Why have Testbourne Community School decided to change the uniform now?

We recognise that announcing this during a pandemic has been far from ideal, but the phasing in of the new uniform has been planned since the rebranding of our logo and website.

Questions in relation to PE Kit

1. I was intending to pass PE kit down to my child who will be starting in Year 7 from an older sibling. Can I still do this?

Yes, we will allow new Year 7 students to wear the old-style PE Kit so that families are not adversely affected by this change. We anticipate a mixed economy of new and old PE kit styles as the new kit phases in. We are happy to allow this to minimise financial impact on families. If a student represents the school in a sports fixture, we will lend them a kit that matches the rest of the team.

2. If my child is in year 8-11 next academic year, can they buy the new-style PE Kit?

We would ask that you purchase the yellow and blue kit as this is what the rest of your child's year group will be wearing. Stitch Design has plenty of stock available but once this has depleted in future years, we anticipate there to be a mix of kit colours within the older year groups. You will still be able to hand this down to younger siblings if you wish, as they will be permitted to wear old or new PE kit whilst new design is phasing in.

3. I have already purchased the new-style PE kit from Stitch Design, what should I do now?

Please contact Stitch Design directly who will be happy to arrange for an exchange of items. Alternatively, you could retain the PE kit and it is acceptable for your child to wear it. Please note, however, that your child's kit will be different to the majority of their peers.



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4. We will struggle to be able to afford to buy new PE Kit. What can we do?

We understand that this might be an issue for some families. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact Mr Lester directly by email: r.lester@testbourne.school as we have a number of options available to support our families.

5. The PE Kit was only changed recently. Why has it been changed again?

The PE department redesigned the PE kit to give more options for students and to provide higher quality products. This was prior to the school rebranding and website redesign. We have planned for the new kit to be phased in gradually so that no family is adversely affected.