



Building a bright future for myself, my school and my community.

St Mary's CE Primary School

Uniform Policy

Rationale

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

School uniform should always be worn when representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims

- † All children wear the correct uniform to school
- † Children feel proud to belong to the school
- † Parents/carers share the expectations of the school

Guidelines

- † It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear.
- † The school prospectus provides parents/carers with full details of the uniform to be worn (see below).
- † Items of uniform with the school logo can be purchased from the school office – see details below.
- † Pre-loved items are occasionally available via the Friends' Group at extremely low prices.
- † If a child does not wear the correct uniform, be it general school uniform or PE uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents/carers (see Appendix 1).
- † If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern, e.g. unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, unsafe etc then the parent will be contacted and asked to provide suitable uniform for their child.
- † PE kit should be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends for washing.
- † If a child does not have their PE kit in school, a letter will be sent home to the parents/carers.
- † Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name.
- † Children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform in school.
- † There are boxes for lost property located in the walkway between the main buildings. Any items left unclaimed are periodically displayed on the playground. At the end of every two terms any unclaimed items are washed and sold as pre-loved uniform.
- † Nail varnish, tattoos and make up are not allowed under any circumstances.
- † Parents are requested not to have symbols, stripes, insignia, names etc shaved into their child's hair.
- † Children are required to have acceptable school haircuts, as deemed so by the Headteacher, i.e. shaved heads, punk styles etc are not suitable and are a cause of distraction for the child and others.
- † Parents are requested not to dye or colour their child's hair.



- † If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation, e.g. health or religious grounds, then the governors will consider sympathetically any such request from a parent/carer.
- † If Hijabs are worn they should be plain green, black or white without patterns or fringes. Parents are advised to speak to their child's class teacher about the implications for wearing Hijabs during P.E. but the general feeling is that, as with long hair, these must be tied back or tucked inside the P.E. shirt.
- † Sikh 'Pagri', 'Patka' or Turbans also need to be plain green, black or white
- † Kara: The steel band should not be heavy, wide or have sharp edges and it should be close fitting. It may have to be held in place by a sweatband during certain activities, e.g. within P.E.
- † Islamic necklaces – some children may be of the Baggara Islamic faith and wear a small leather pouch containing Quaranic verses on a neck cord. This should be worn under clothing and inside the P.E. T Shirt.
- † Any child expected to wear a crucifix should remove this for P.E. or it should be taped and fastened inside the PE shirt. Likewise it should be worn inside the school uniform.
- † No loose, long hanging necklaces are permissible.
- † Earrings must be studs only. Children will be asked to remove dangly or hooped earrings. If the child cannot do this independently the parent/carer will need to attend school to carry out this responsibility.

Uniform details

<p><u>Winter</u> Bright green school-issued sweatshirt with school logo or bright green cardigan Plain white polo shirt or blouse Grey/black trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore dress – girls Grey or black trousers – boys White/black/grey/green socks or tights (no patterns) Black/brown shoes (not trainers)</p>	<p><u>Summer</u> Winter uniform or: Green/white checked/striped dress – girls Grey shorts – boys Culottes – girls Plain white polo shirt or short sleeved school shirt/blouse White leggings/white long sleeved top – girls Sensible sandals, securely fitted, no heels, closed toes. No backless /flip-flop type sandals.</p>
<p><u>PE Kit - Indoor</u> Plain white T Shirt Plain black shorts or black leggings Plimsolls / bare feet for the hall *Girls are not permitted to wear tights for indoor PE</p>	<p><u>PE Kit – Outdoor</u> Green/black/grey tracksuit (no logos/football insignia etc) Trainers</p>
<p><u>Boots</u> In the winter or wet weather children may wear boots to school but must bring shoes to change into once inside the building. If girls choose to wear boots these <u>must</u> be black and as plain as possible – no fur, bright colours, tassels etc.</p>	<p><u>Green Fleeces</u> A lovely warm green fleece jacket is available to purchase from the school office. Please note, this is a jacket and for external wear only. Fleeces do <u>not</u> replace the school sweatshirts.</p>



<p>Swimming Plain swimming costume –girls Muslim girls may choose to purchase special swimming leggings Netted close fitting swimming trunks (no beach style shorts) – boys Towel Hat</p>	
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**Jeans, tracksuits, high-heeled shoes/boots, football shirts, hoodies, jogging bottoms, shirts with slogans/logos etc. are not acceptable school wear.*

Health and safety including jewellery

- † We do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are stud pierced ear-rings. We ask the children to remove these during P.E. lessons or, if they cannot be removed, to cover them with a plaster brought in from home. This is to prevent them from causing injury.
- † Parents are encouraged to have children’s ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday to give ears sensible healing time. Staff will not deal with any infections related to ear-piercing nor will they remove earrings although they may be covered with sterile tape if they are causing a problem and to prevent the child from scratching at them.
- † Children with long hair must have this tied back for P.E. lessons so should provide a hair band/scrunchie.
- † Hair bands should be sensible for school and not include long dangly ribbons/fluffy or feathery strings which cause a distraction to the child and to others.

Equal opportunities

This policy applies to the school community regardless of gender, colour, ethnicity, ability or disability, religion or nationality.

Review

This policy will be reviewed triennially from the date it was accepted by the school’s Governing Body.

April 2015

Signed:

Headteacher _____ **Date:**

Chair of Governors _____ **Date:**



APPENDIX 1 – Standard letter to parents

Date

Dear

Child's name _____ **Class** _____

We noticed that your child did not have the correct uniform at school today.

I'm sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home and at school. As our policy states:

"We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers." I would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that they dress appropriately every school day.

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Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs R Cross
 Headteacher**