

St Mary's CE Primary School



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Uniform Policy

POLICY: Uniform Policy
APPROVED BY: Headteacher
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This policy is reviewed every 4 years

Our School Vision

St Mary's school vision is to embrace a Christian like way of living, learning and teaching.

As a Church of England primary school, we value and are ambitious for all children and are committed to providing a positive, happy, safe and stimulating environment for them to enjoy and excel in their learning; grow in confidence, resilience and independence; achieve their full potential and flourish as individuals.

'I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.' (Proverbs 4:11)

Rationale

At St Mary's Church of England Primary School, we believe that a school uniform should be affordable to all families, easily recognisable while at the same time enable children to:

- identify with their school and be proud to wear the uniform,
- develop a sense of belonging,
- look smart and feel comfortable,
- contribute towards a positive work ethos and team spirit
- promote good behaviour and discipline in school and around the community
- set an appropriate tone for our school

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

Aims

- All children will wear the correct uniform to school each day
- Children should embrace, feel proud and respect their uniform
- Parents/carers share the expectations of the school

Expectations

Children

- It is expected that children come to school each day in full school uniform.
- It is expected children will look after their uniform and wear it properly.
- It is expected children keep their PE kit in school all week and only taken home at weekends for washing.
- It is expected all children learn to take care of their own items of uniform in school.

Parents

- Parents are asked to purchase the correct uniform for their child(ren).
- Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name.
- Parents are asked to make sure their child comes to school in full uniform each day.
- Parents are asked to make sure their child does not come to school wearing unnecessary jewellery, fake hair, nails or tattoos, make-up or nail varnish.
- Parents to note that hair styles should not include any names or symbols shaved into their child's hair.
- Parents will tie up their child's long hair for hygiene and safety. Extra-long braids are not suitable in a primary school setting.

School

- School will support parents by keeping uniform as affordable as possible.
- School will provide support to low income families with a number of siblings at St Mary's school.
- School staff will support parents in making sure children enter school in the correct uniform.
- School will provide lost property boxes so children and parents can find their lost uniform. (Please note: Any items left unclaimed are periodically displayed on the playground. At the end of every two terms any unclaimed items are washed and available for sale as pre-loved uniform).
- School will make exceptions in extreme weather conditions.
- School will take into consideration the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.

Concerns

- If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation, e.g. health then the governors will consider sympathetically any such request from a parent/carer in writing.

- 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 them and parents.
- If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern, e.g. unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, unsafe, then the parent will be contacted and asked to provide suitable uniform for their child.
- If a child does not have their PE kit in school, they will be reminded to bring it, if this persists a letter will be sent home to the parents/carers.

Diversity and Equality of opportunity

- The school respectfully supports the wearing of a Hijabs but request they are black or white and without patterns or fringes. Sport hijabs are available from many retail shops and are the best option for PE lessons.
- Sikh 'Pagri', 'Patka' or Turbans also need to be plain black or white.
- Kara: The steel band should not be heavy, wide or have sharp edges and it should be close fitting. It must be covered by a sweatband during P.E. lessons.
- Islamic necklaces – some children may be of the Baggara Islamic faith and wear a small leather pouch containing Quranic verses on a neck cord. This should be worn under clothing and inside the P.E. T Shirt.
- Parents should make a request in writing if they have significant cause for their child to wear jewellery.

Safety

- 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 injury.
- If parents are planning to have their child's ears pierced, we ask this is planned at the start of the summer term to give ears a 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 for P.E. or athletic events.
- Children with long hair must have this tied back at all times, but particularly for P.E. lessons so should provide a hair tie or scrunchie.
- Hair bands should be sensible for school and complement our school uniform.
- All footwear should fit your child's feet and be free from holes to avoid trips, cramped feet or risk of damp feet.

Uniform details

Although our uniform company offers a wide range of items, you do not need to purchase everything as we recognise this can be confusing and costly. Many retail shops sell the non-logo items at a cheaper rate and we recommend this. Below are the minimum logo items that must be purchased. These include

- the green jumper with school logo (cost £9.00)
 - the school book bag with logo (cost £7.32)
 - the school PE kit bag with logo (cost 6.12)
- No other bags should be brought to school.

OUR UNIFORM

<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Bright green school-logo sweatshirt Black trousers or skirt Plain or logo white polo shirt or blouse White or black socks or tights (not patterned) Black shoes (not trainers)	Winter uniform or: Green/white checked summer dress Black shorts Plain white polo shirt (with or without school logo) or short sleeved school shirt/blouse White tights Black shoes (not trainers)

<p>PE Kit - Indoor School logo or plain white T-Shirt Plain black shorts or jogging bottoms Plimsolls for the hall *Girls are not permitted to wear tights or leggings for indoor PE</p>	<p>PE Kit – Outdoor Black tracksuit (no logos/football insignia or the like) Plain black T-shirt with or without the school logo Trainers</p>
<p>Boots In the winter or wet weather children may wear boots to school but <u>must</u> bring their black shoes to change into once inside the building. If children choose to wear boots these <u>must</u> be black and as plain as possible – no patterns, bright colours, tassels etc.</p>	<p>Green Fleeces (optional extra) Green school logo reversible jackets are available to purchase. Please note, this is a jacket and for external wear only. Please note: Fleeces do <u>not</u> replace the school sweatshirts.</p>
<p>Swimming (to gain pool entry they request) Plain swimming costume –girls Muslim girls may choose to purchase special swimming leggings fitted swimming trunks or fitted swim shorts (no beach style shorts) – boys Towel Swim Hat Goggles</p>	<p><i>*Jeans, tracksuits, high-heeled shoes/boots, football shirts, hoodies, jogging bottoms, shirts with slogans/logos etc. are <u>not</u> acceptable school wear.</i></p>

Please note leggings and cycling shorts are not part of our main uniform. We do allow cycling shorts for PE.

All logo uniform and bags CAN BE PURCHASED VIA WWW.MAPAC.COM. Or through the school website.

It is important that parents support the policy to maintain the high profile of the school and children wear it with pride.

Good quality pre-loved items are occasionally available at extremely low prices.

Equal opportunities

This policy applies to all and does not unlawfully discriminate because of the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race (including colour, nationality, and ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sex (gender) and sexual orientation.

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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 and is stated in our policy. I would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that they dress appropriately every school day.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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