

Uniform Policy



St. Mary's
Catholic Primary
School

Mission Statement

Journeying in the Light of Christ... together, we live and learn

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St. Mary's Primary School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Logoed royal Blue jumper or cardigan from the school uniform provider
- White polo shirt (logoed from the school uniform provider or plain)
- Plain grey tailored trousers – no jeans / leggings / skinny fit / fashion trousers
- Plain grey knee length skirt
- Plain grey Pinafore / playsuit
- Modesty shorts can be worn under skirts / dresses
- Plain grey tights & socks
- Plain white short sleeved vest
- Black, plain, flat, leather or leather look shoes or boots (see appendix 1 for guidance)
- Reception class only – Wellingtons & waterproof coat
- Reading folder purchased from the school uniform provider. Your child's name can be added to this for an additional cost or they can add one small key ring to be able to identify which is their bag. (Due to restrictions on space, rucksacks are not to be brought into school)
- Water bottle

Summer Options

- Plain grey tailored shorts
- Blue gingham dresses / playsuit
- Modesty shorts can be worn under skirts / dresses
- White socks (girls) & grey socks (boys)
- A cap to protect from the sun

PE Kit

- Plain T-Shirt in the house colour
- Plain Black Shorts
- Plain Black Jogging Bottoms
- Trainers

Parents can purchase uniform via the school's uniform provider.

<https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-st-marys-high-green-primary/>

Parents can also obtain uniform via Ecclesfield Parish Council School Uniform Swap Shop to benefit the community both environmentally (Reuse – Recycle - Reduce) & financially.

<https://ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk/school-uniform-swap-shop/>

If parents and carers find it difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school.

Jewellery

- Pupils should not wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing.
- Should a pupil have pierced ears, only studs should be worn (no hoops or drop earrings), and in order to comply with health and safety regulations, must be taken out by the pupil for all PE activities. Plasters cannot be worn to cover earrings. (In exceptional circumstances, where all other options have been explored and the child's earrings are unable to be removed, a risk assessment may be carried out by school and discussed with parents to explore how the pupil can access the PE lesson as safely as possible.)

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Watches

- Watches may be worn to school, apart from smart watches. However, they must be removed before any PE lesson.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.

Make Up

- Make up, nail varnish or any form of tattoos should not be worn.

Equipment

- No stationery is to be brought into school, this is provided by school
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Head teacher
- No medicine should be brought to school by a child. Parents need to take all medicines to the school office and fill in a permission slip
- No toys unless permission has been given, e.g. winning team for the termly house points
- No 'swap' cards, unless there has been individual permission given
- No inappropriate books, videos or magazines
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose
- Only reading folders should be used to carry equipment and books as space in the cloakrooms and classrooms are limited. For this reason the pupils will need to store the reading folder in their drawer during the day. No rucksacks, satchel bags, etc. please.
- Every child will need a named standard sized water bottle
- Lunch boxes should be of a standard size in order to fit on the shelves provided to ensure safe storage.

Hair

Long hair must be tied back at all times with a **small plain** bobble, ribbon or headband.

Non-Compliance with the policy

- Where staff notice a pupil's uniform does not comply with the policy they will speak to the child and / or parent to find out why and how the school can offer support.
- If a pupil's uniform continues not to comply with the policy a letter will be sent home to parents – see appendix 2

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- Follow the schools procedures when a pupil doesn't comply with the school's uniform policy.
- Set a good example in terms of dress
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals
- No jeans or denim to be worn please.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- The Head teacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable request from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DfE guidelines.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances, e.g non-uniform day
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the headteacher and/or the governing body following the schools complaints procedure.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other equality policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. St. Mary's Catholic Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work towards achieving their full potential.

Review

The staff and governing body will review this policy annually.

Appendix 1

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Appendix 2

Non-compliance with school uniform policy

Date:

Name of Child:

Today your child was not complying with the school uniform policy for the following reason(s):

We ask that parents / carers support the uniform policy by providing the correct items. If needed, Ecclesfield Parish Council have a stock of good quality second hand uniform which is free for families. They can be contacted via <https://ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk/school-uniform-swap-shop/>

If you have still have difficulties providing the correct uniform, please contact school.

If, in 7 days, your child is still not complying with the uniform policy, we may give them uniform to wear during the school day and a member of staff will call you to discuss this further and to offer additional support.