



At St Mary's, children will be taught to become reflective about beliefs and values, and use their imagination and creativity to develop curiosity in their learning. They will be helped to develop and apply an understanding of right and wrong both in and out of school and be encouraged to take part in activities to develop their social skills. Children will develop an awareness of and respect for diversity in relation to gender, race, religion and disability. All pupils will have the same access to all areas of the curriculum regardless of their gender, race or cultural background.

## School Uniform Policy

### Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- ✓ Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- ✓ Provides our children with a sense of belonging and an identity with Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School.
- ✓ Ensures children are seen as equals to their peers
- ✓ Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- ✓ Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- ✓ Encourages cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils
- ✓ Is regarded as suitable and is good value for money
- ✓ Supports effective teaching and learning

### Principles

- All children wear school uniform.
- We pride ourselves on high standards of appearance of the children and a smart uniform provides visitors with a good impression of the school.
- Our uniform is practical and smart everyday wear for young children and has been designed with health and safety in mind. It is not designed to be fashionable.
- A uniform is easily identifiable when out on trips/working with other schools, assisting staff in keeping our children safe.

### COMPULSORY ITEMS

Navy School-logo Sweatshirts (for boys or girls) OR	<b>£8.00</b>
Navy School-logo Cardigans OR plain navy jumpers/cardigans purchased from supermarkets	<b>£14.00</b>
Pale blue polo shirts (with or without logo)	<b>£7.00</b>
Blue School-logo Book Bags (order online via eduspot, provided free to new starters)	<b>£3.50</b>
Navy or dark grey school trousers, navy school skirts, navy pinafores, pale blue polo shirts, checked blue and white (summer dresses etc can be bought from any shop/supermarket).	
Girls should wear black, blue, white socks or grey or tights; boys should wear grey socks, navy or black.	
<b>DARK COLOURED SENSIBLE SHOES – BLACK OR NAVY.</b> No coloured trainers, boots/fashion boots, open sandals, canvas shoes etc. All black trainers may be worn (no white/coloured stripes/soles).	

**NO** jeans, joggers, tracksuits, leggings, leisurewear **must not be worn** except on non-uniform days.



### **PE Kit (not in Nursery or Reception)**

Please provide:

- navy shorts in a named pump bag (in winter, children can wear navy joggers or leggings)
- Black pumps/pair of named trainers.

We will provide your child with a red, yellow, blue or green PE shirt (House colours), these will be owned by school, kept in school and washed at least half termly by the school.

### **Strategies for ensuring all pupils wear consistent uniform**

- Parents/carers are informed of the school uniform prior to applying for a place at the school.
- Parents/carers who have accepted a place for their child at the school are informed of the uniform at the new parents' meeting and are given a copy of the uniform policy/order form.
- Parents/carers accepting a place for their child mid-year are informed of the policy.
- Parents/carers sign the 'Home-School Agreement' stating that they will be responsible for ensuring that their child wears appropriate school uniform.
- Regular reminders are given to parents/carers about correct school uniform through newsletters.
- If a child attends school in inappropriate footwear (trainers/boots/wellies) they will be asked to change into their black school pumps indoors to look smart.
- If a child attends school in other inappropriate uniform, children will be loaned a pre-owned item of school uniform to wear for the day.
- For children who frequently wear incorrect/unsuitable items of school uniform parents will be contacted by the Headteacher.
- As a school we are considerate if a child does not keep the school uniform policy and try to find out what is happening so that where possible the problem can be remedied. With young children, lack of appropriate uniform is the responsibility of the parent/carer so the Headteacher will discuss the issues with the parents and agree a suitable resolution. Parents are welcome to come into school to discuss these issues.
- All items of clothing, shoes, bags and PE kit must be named.

### **Purchasing Uniform**

- School jumpers/cardigans, Polo t-shirts, book bags and can only be ordered from the school via eduspot online.
- Pre-owned (old logo'd) uniform is available at the school office for a small donation.

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