



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless the activity requires otherwise. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 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 towards the school;
 - 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.

3 Jewellery, tattoos and nail varnish

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove ear-rings during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury.
- 3.2 The school does not permit children to have tattoos or nail varnish.

4 Extreme haircuts

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Long hair should be tied back.

5 Footwear

- 5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

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6 The role of parents

- 6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
 - considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
 - requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Signed:

Mrs B Corbett
Executive Headteacher

Date: March 17
To be reviewed: March 19

Signed:

Mrs A Geoghegan
Chair of ARC

Date: March 17

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Boys	Girls
Winter (Autumn 2nd Half-term)	Winter (Autumn 2nd Half-term)
Navy blue sweatshirt with school badge	Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school badge
School tie	School tie
Pale blue shirt	Pale blue blouse
Grey trousers	Navy blue trousers/skirt/pinafore
Plain black or grey socks	Navy blue long/short socks or tights
Sensible black shoes	Sensible black shoes
Summer (After Easter break)	Summer (After Easter break)
Pale blue shirt & school tie or crested polo shirt	Blue & white gingham checked dress
Grey trousers/shorts	Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school badge
Navy blue sweatshirt with school badge	White or navy blue socks
Plain black or grey socks	Sensible black shoes
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PE Kit	PE Kit
Pale blue school T shirt	Pale blue school T shirt
Navy blue shorts	Navy blue shorts
Black pumps and trainers for outside	Black pumps and trainers for outside