



St Thomas' Church of England
Primary School

Uniform and Appearance Policy

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School Purpose and Vision Statement:

Within the love of God we Guide, Challenge, Inspire, Nurture

A guiding light

Challenging minds

Inspiring hearts

Nurturing talents

Grounded in God's love

Amidst the ever changing tides of life

"I am the way; the truth and the life" John 14 v6

Mission Statement:

At St Thomas' we

Guide: lead, encourage and model by example through our Gospel values

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path

Psalm 119 v105

Challenge: expect the best from the whole school community

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go

Joshua 1:7

Inspire: promote creativity, spirituality, teamwork and ambition through a growth mindset

Therefore encourage one another, build each other up, just as in fact you are doing

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Nurture: love, value and care for everyone within our school family

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY

Our school uniform shows that we are all part of St Thomas' school family. It fosters a strong feeling of belonging amongst the children. We actively encourage the wearing of school uniform as it is an important and contributory factor in the atmosphere, ethos and tradition of the school. Pride in appearance and cleanliness is encouraged at all times.

Aims and objectives

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.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

We ask all parents / carers 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.

To be implemented from September 2018.

2018/19 Year 6 pupils are allowed to wear the previous uniform jumper, but are required to wear the new school tie.

Following a consultation with parents, it was agreed that St Thomas' school uniform from Sept 2018 will be:

Grey tailored trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore or culottes

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White shirt (long or short sleeved)

New style blue V Neck pullover or cardigan with red stripe and school logo

New style school tie with red and white stripe

Plain grey or white socks, or grey tights

As an alternative during the summer months, pupils may choose to wear:

Royal or pale blue gingham dress/culottes

FOOTWEAR

We require all children to wear sensible plain black shoes, no trainers, no heels, no fashion boots. If unacceptable footwear is worn, the child will be asked to change into PE pumps while in school.

(See additional guidance for footwear for PE and games)

The children in the Reception class should be provided with a pair of wellington boots. These should be kept in school all year round.

COATS AND HATS

The children should bring a coat to school each day.

In cold weather pupils may wear hats, gloves and scarves to protect them from the weather.

Likewise, in the summer months, sun hats and caps should be provided to protect the children from the sunshine.

PE KIT

Sport plays an important role in the life of St Thomas'.

The PE Kit consists of:

White T Shirt with round neck

Royal blue shorts

Black pumps for indoor work

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Trainers for outdoor work

On occasion, children may do PE outside during the winter months. You may wish to provide your child with an outdoor PE kit which should be a plain navy or black tracksuit.

School PE Kit should be kept in a draw-string bag for storing and kept in school. These will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

PE bags are available with the school name and logo on should parents/guardians wish to purchase them.

HAIRSTYLES

Hairstyles are an important part of our children presenting in a uniform and neat manner. We expect all children to have a tidy appearance in school.

Therefore, all long hair (shoulder length or below) should be tied back at all times. Bobbles and headbands should be dark plain colour i.e. black, grey or blue. We do not allow “Jo-Jo Bows” and any hair accessories should be simple and not present a safety risk.

Extreme hair colours are not permitted

Hair must be tidy and a natural colour.

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small metal ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove earrings during PE and games, or cover them with surgical tape (which must be provided from home), to prevent them from causing injury.

Children are allowed to wear a wrist watch but will be asked to remove this for PE and during test/assessment sessions.

LOST PROPERTY

The best way to try and ensure items of uniform are not lost or mixed up is to have them clearly marked with your child’s name. Every effort will be made to return lost property to the owner. All lost items will remain in the lost property area for at least half a term.

At the end of each term any lost property will be collected up and put out on display, with lost items for collection. Thereafter any uncollected items will be taken to a local charity shop or sold on through the PTFAs Second Hand Clothes Shop.

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All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name. This is very important as items of uniform can easily become confused, especially after P.E and swimming sessions.

SUPPLIERS

Uniform and bags with the school logo can be purchased from:

Top Marque Uniforms, 7A, Park Road, Lytham St. Annes FY8 1QX

Any items that do not require the school logo may be purchased from any uniform stockist in the correct school colour.

SANCTIONS

We take pride in our uniform and encourage children to do the same. We do check that children are meeting the requirements regularly. If your child is not, then a range of sanctions may be applied, including:

1. If the child continues to arrive at school clearly not following our uniform guidance, including hairstyles, then the parents will receive a phone call home.
2. If the child continues to arrive at school following the phone call, then the headteacher will request the parents to come into school for an appointment.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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 governors will look sympathetically at such requests.

THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The governing body implements 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.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

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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.

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