



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Uniform Policy



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This policy has been reviewed and approved by Senior Leaders and the School's Governing Body.	

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Introduction

It is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside or during normal school hours. The colours of St Mary's school uniform represent the blue for Our Lady of Grace and brown to reflect St Teresa of Avila, a Carmelite nun.

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 parents;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

Children wear school uniform every day and the school expects all pupils, without exception, to comply with this requirement. Any deemed extreme or repeated uniform offences after several attempts to rectify the problem can lead to more serious intervention strategies being put in place.

St Mary's school uniform is available from the usual retail outlets (e.g. Asda, John Lewis, Marks & Spencer, most school suppliers & www.speedstitch.co.uk)

Winter Uniform

Girls	Boys
light blue shirt school tie dark brown pinafore/skirt or grey trousers brown or navy tights or brown/white socks dark brown cardigan/V-neck jumper sensible brown or black shoes	light blue shirt school tie grey trousers (<i>long</i>) grey socks dark brown V-neck jumper sensible brown or black shoes



Summer Uniform

Girls	Boys
Summer Uniform: <u>light blue</u> and white checked dress dark brown cardigan white socks sensible brown or black shoes or sensible white or navy sandals worn with socks and suitable for school	Summer Uniform: grey trousers (<i>long/short</i>) light blue shirt and school tie dark brown V-neck jumper sensible brown or black shoes or sensible white or navy sandals worn with socks and suitable for school



Jewellery & fashion accessories

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school. The exceptions to this rule are plain earring studs (no gemstones) for pierced ears located on the ear lobe. We ask children or their parents to remove earrings prior to coming into school on PE/games days, please keep this in mind when piercing children's ears. We suggest the first day of the summer holidays if at all. Watches are allowed with discretion – 'gimmicky' styles are not allowed in school. Smart Watches and step tracking devices are not allowed at school.

Nail varnish, false nails, make-up, body transfer tattoos and body adornments are strictly forbidden in school. Keyrings are not permitted on school bags.

Mobile phones are **not** allowed in the school. If for any reason a parent feels it necessary for their child to have a mobile phone, the Headteacher must be consulted, and the mobile must be handed into the school office at the beginning of the day and collected at home time. Pass codes must also be provided.

Extreme haircuts

Hairstyles should be neat and tidy with hair longer than collar length clipped or tied back throughout the school day. If necessary, hair accessories, such as clips and slides must be of a simple design and coloured blue, brown or white. The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts including 'tramlines' and patterns cut into hair that could serve as a distraction to other children. Dyed or tinted hair, the use of gel or similar hair products and braiding with adornments is not allowed.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list and we strongly recommend shoes with safe non-slip soles for safety. We do not allow children to wear trainers in school, this is because we consider that this footwear is appropriate for sport or leisure, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of school uniform. Please ensure that children can put on and take off their shoes independently. Velcro or buckles promote independence for younger children who can not yet tie their own shoelaces.



School Bags

Rucksacks and book bags are available to purchase from the school office. In view of limited space, other bags are not permitted, with the exception of Year 6 pupils, who may bring in a sensible sized bag of their own choice.

Outdoor wear

All coats and outerwear (raincoats, hats, scarves, jackets) must be in the school colours - brown or navy. Black coats are not allowed. Logos and designer coats are not allowed.

School Hats

During hot sunny weather, children must wear a St Mary's school peaked cap during break times to protect them from the strong sunshine. These must also be worn on all school outings.

During winter months, children can wear brown or navy woollen hats. St Mary's school woollen hats are available to purchase at school.



PE

Navy shorts, light blue polo shirt with school crest and black plimsolls. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils may wear non-marking, plainly styled, dark trainers with no logos.



Winter Games

Navy hoody and long tracksuit bottoms are to be worn in colder weather. School tracksuits can be purchased from: WWW.SPEEDSTITCH.CO.UK

Swimming (Year 4)

Swim suit / trunks; swimming hat – compulsory for boys and girls – and towel.

Current uniform available to purchase from school

- Ties
- Hats (Woolly and Peaked Hat/Cap)
- Book Bags and PE Bags
- PE Shirt

These items can be found on 'School Money' in the shop www.schoolmoney.com. Once bought, uniform will be distributed to your child at school.

Health & Safety Notes

- To assist with organisation in Reception and Key Stage 1, children should have buckles or velcro instead of laces
- Shoes designed with a good grip should be worn.
- High heels are not allowed
- Shoes with 'gimmicks' such as flashing soles/heels are not allowed
- Trainers are not part of school uniform
- Ties on elastic are available for children who cannot tie the genuine article! Both sorts are available on School Money.
- Keychains on bags or water bottles are not permitted.
- Because the school cannot accept responsibility for protecting children against the sun, parents are advised to take adequate precautions. It is recommended that parents apply a suitable all day sun protection cream/lotion to their children before school alongside a school peaked cap.

All clothing and property should be clearly marked

The Lost Property bin is situated in the foyer at the front of our school hall. It is cleared meticulously at the end of each half term. Items remaining unclaimed at this time will be disposed of to a local charity.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to St Mary's school to support the school uniform policy. We require parents 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. All items of uniform must be **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body sets the policy and supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. From time to time it considers 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 hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The Governing Body together with the Headteacher monitors and reviews the school uniform policy from time to time.