

St Mary's CofE Primary School
Clothing & Uniform Policy

Name of School:	St Mary's CofE Primary School
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Member of Staff Responsible:	Senior Leadership Team
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Ethos Statement:

Our school is committed to bringing out the best in each other so that every member of the school community can know 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). Through learning of the teachings of Jesus, we believe that our children can explore and develop their understanding of Core Christian values as markers and guides for their own lives. We aim for the school's Core Christian values to inform and influence our pupils' moral compass and allow them to enjoy 'life in all its fullness'. These values are known as the 'Sunshine 6'. They are: Forgiveness, Perseverance, Honesty, Compassion, Courage and Respect.

We also uphold Article 29 from the UN Convention of Rights of the Child 'Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.'

Policy Statement:

Uniform has been compulsory for all children at St. Mary's Church of England Primary School. We believe that it creates a sense of belonging, helps to avoid an unhealthy competitive attitude and makes life easier for parents in general. For these reasons, there are some items of clothing or accessories that are considered to be unsuitable and therefore are not allowed. Our school operates a gender-neutral uniform policy.

Aims:

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

1. Promotes a sense of pride in belonging to our school.
2. Is practical and smart and suitable for the range of activities taking place at school.
3. Identifies the children with the school and supports the school identity in the community.
4. Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils.
5. Is regarded as value for money for parents.

Our uniform:

Our school uniform is compulsory for all pupils attending St. Mary's CE Primary School. The items of clothing required are outlined on the following list. Items with St. Mary's logo on the front can be ordered via the internet or a local supplier. Contact details shall be made available in monthly newsletters or from the admin office.

ITEM OF UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
- Plain dark grey or black trousers, skirt, culottes or pinafore - Plain dark grey or black trousers or shorts	- Trousers and shorts must be a tailored fit, e.g. no jogging bottoms or sports shorts - Skirts should be no higher than 5cm above the knee
White or light blue shirt, blouse or polo shirt	Items specified must have a collar, e.g. NO T-SHIRTS
Royal blue sweatshirts, cardigans, jumpers or fleece jackets.	Royal Blue is St Mary's chosen school colour
Blue and white dresses	Dress length should be no higher than 5cm above the knee.
- Plain socks (no higher than below the knee) - Blue, white, grey or black tights	- Patterned tights are not permitted - Socks/tights MUST be worn at school
FOOTWEAR	
- Black shoe or ankle boots - Black, white or blue sandals – SUMMER OPTION	- Shoes MUST be predominantly black, e.g. no visible patterns/logos etc - Sandals MUST have backs to them, e.g. not slip on sandals - Open-toed footwear must not be worn.

ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED

Physical Education (PE) Kit:

PE clothing or 'kit' must be worn during every PE lesson for reasons of personal hygiene. The kit, which must be available in school every day, includes:

ITEM OF UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
Black or dark navy shorts	
- Black or grey jogging bottoms - Black, grey or house colour sweat shirt.	Jogging bottoms and sweat shirts may only be worn for winter outdoor PE.
T-shirt (House colour or plain white)	- T-shirts must be plain in colour, e.g. no logos, football shirts - T-shirts must be in addition to the child's day-to-day uniform
Soft pumps or trainers.	Children MUST have a change of footwear for PE.
A draw string kit bag	PE kit should remain on the child's peg in school. It should be taken home to be washed at least once every half term.

All jewellery must be removed wherever possible during PE lessons. When this is not possible it must be made 'safe'. Long hair must also be tied up during PE lessons.

Children Y4 participate in swimming lessons during the year and therefore need additional PE kit to participate:

ITEM OF UNIFORM	GUIDANCE NOTES
Swimming costume/trunks	Swimming shorts are NOT permitted – trunks only
Towel	
Waterproof bag	This should be sent in with the child's swimming kit weekly

Jewellery:

We discourage children from wearing jewellery to school but we do permit the following:

- Pierced ears – just one small stud in each ear lobe.
- Watches should be of a suitable size and alarms deactivated when in school.
- Hair accessories should be kept minimal and without extensions.
- Items worn for strictly religious reasons.

St. Mary's CofE Primary School cannot accept responsibility for any items, such as watches, brought into school.

Unsuitable:

We do not consider the following to be suitable for school:

- Nail varnish/nail decorations
- Make-up/tattoos
- Extreme hairstyles, e.g. lines/patterns shaved into hair. Hair should also be of natural colour
- Football shirts, including those worn underneath school uniform
- Heeled shoes and heeled sandals

NB: Outdoor clothing, e.g. jackets, wellies, hats etc should not be worn in class!

The role of parents:

Parents are expected to fully support the contents of this policy when accepting a place for their child at St. Mary's CE Primary School by providing the full and appropriate uniform for their child.

We request that parents inform the school if their child is unable to wear any item of uniform for any reason at any time.

Parents will be contacted if a child is regularly out of uniform and children may be asked to change immediately.

Monitoring:

If children are found to be wearing clothing other than standard uniform, staff will speak to the child to ascertain the reason.

Children who persistently do not support this policy will be referred to the Head Teacher and/or Deputy Head Teacher.

Review:

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all pupils, parents, staff and governors. The content of the policy shall be reviewed after three years or sooner if circumstances demand.