



"We believe, we achieve, we succeed in God's family"

With God, all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

THANKFULNESS • COMMUNITY • COMPASSION • TRUTHFULNESS • COURAGE • FORGIVENESS

St Mary's C of E Primary School

Uniform Policy 2025

Approved by: Under Chairs Action, Robin Taverner

Last Reviewed on: 01.09.2025

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside of normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of belonging and identify in the school community
- Is practical and smart and sets an appropriate tone for education
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

The Role of Parents/carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially, to a senior member of staff or Class teacher to discuss the issues. If any parent/carer would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher. If a child has sensory issues or an invisible disability whereby the wearing of particular uniform causes distress or sensory overload, we will make reasonable adjustments so that they are comfortable but smart in school. We will do this in collaboration with parents/carers.

The Role of Governors

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. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

St Mary's C of E Primary School uniform consists of:

- A grey knee-length skirt or pinafore dress or summer checked green and white dress
- Grey school trousers or plain grey tailored shorts (not leggings, jogging bottoms, track suit bottoms or jeans)
- A plain white polo shirt or a white collared shirt
- A bottle green jumper, cardigan, or sweatshirt (with or without the school logo)
- Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers
- White, black socks or grey socks
- Grey tights (not leggings)
- Plain black cycle shorts may be worn underneath skirts or dresses in the summer (for modesty)
- A warm, waterproof coat when needed

PE uniform

For warmth, pupils should wear the school sweatshirt. Hoodies are not allowed. Pupils with long hair must tie it back for health and safety reasons.

- Plain black shorts, track suit bottoms or jogging bottoms
- Plain white round neck t-shirt
- Trainers or plimsolls (trainers are more suitable for when your child has outdoor PE sessions).

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up, and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are a single pair of ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. We ask that earrings are removed on P.E. days. Failure to repeatedly remove earrings will result in a phone call home.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school, this includes acrylic nails and fake tan. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Hair accessories should be discreet e.g., green or black hair band or a small green bow.

Children are permitted to wear a watch to school although smartwatches that have games, cellular connectivity or cameras are not permitted.

Equipment

School bag – All children must have a book bag to safely transfer items between home and school. On entry to Reception, all children are given a free book bag for their child's use. We recommend that this is the bag they use to transport communications, reading books and workbooks between home and school.

Water bottles – We encourage every child to have a water bottle in school, to fill it with fresh water daily and to drink it!

Purchasing School Uniform and Equipment

All of our school uniform items can be purchased at most supermarkets at very reasonable prices. Items with the St Mary's Logo can be purchased at Patricia's in the South Woodham Town Centre. All items are very reasonably priced.

We do have some stock of pre-loved uniform. If you wish to have access to this, please contact the school office where a member of staff will be pleased to help you with this.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons in school it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, open toes, no back or shoes that do not support the foot. Children should not wear these to school. Boots are not designed to be worn all day and may become restrictive and uncomfortable for children - they are better off wearing sturdy shoes in the winter.

Lost property

All clothing, bags and equipment should be clearly labelled. If clothing is clearly labelled, we will make every effort to reunite lost clothing with its owner.