



SCHOOL UNIFORM AND DRESS POLICY

Mission Statement

"Providing a Christ centred setting whereby all can live out the messages of Jesus with love, understanding and care"

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside 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 community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- 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 St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Uniform

Boys

Pale Blue Polo Shirt with Logo
Navy Blue Sweatshirt with Logo
Grey Trousers
Grey Shorts (Summer)
Grey Socks
Black Shoes

Girls

Pale Blue Polo Shirt with Logo
Navy Blue Sweatshirt/Cardigan with Logo
Grey Skirt
Grey Trousers (Winter)
Blue and White Check Dress (Summer)
Grey Socks/Tights
Black Shoes

PE Uniform (for boys and girls)

Navy Blue or Black Shorts
White T-Shirt with Logo
Black Pumps/Trainers
Tracksuit bottoms/warm tops needed for outdoor games in winter

Footwear

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 and are not permitted. Trainers are not suitable for daily wear to school. This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear, neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Sensible, flat shoes (no flip flop sandals)

Hair

Hair shaving and sculpting (e.g. tram lines, ticks and other shavings) are not allowed. Hairstyles must be neat and smart. Use of gels or styling products should be minimal. For reasons of health and safety and to avoid the spread of head lice children (boys and girls) all shoulder length hair and longer should have their hair tied back with a hair band. Highlights, dyeing and colouring of hair is not allowed.

Jewellery

The only jewellery pupils are permitted to wear on school premises are small sensible watches (from Year 2 onwards) and plain silver or gold stud earrings, including on non-uniform days. In line with Health and Safety regulations from Dudley, no jewellery is permitted in PE lessons. Therefore, it is recommended that on PE days pupils do not wear jewellery. If they do they must remove them for the lesson. Staff will not remove earrings for children. Children may not tape up earrings for PE lessons.

PE

It is a legal requirement that all children participate in PE lessons. **Children must have their PE kit in school at all times and are required to change into their PE kit for PE lessons.** Children can wear a plain navy or black track suit, or sweat shirt and jogging bottoms in the winter months for outdoor games. For reasons of health and safety track suit bottoms cannot be worn for gymnastics and dance. If girls need to cover arms and legs for religious reasons, black leggings/long sleeved leotards can be worn for gymnastics and dance as long as the legs of the garment do not drag on the floor.

Swimming

Girls

One piece costume only
Swimming hat

Boys

Trunks or close fitting shorts
Swimming hat

Non-Uniform Days

From time to time there will be non-uniform days when children and staff may come to school in their everyday clothes; these days will be fund raising events and members of the school community may be asked to contribute a sum of money for the privilege of not wearing uniform. On non-uniform days the following items of clothing are not permitted:

- High heeled shoes or open toe sandals
- Strappy tops which expose the shoulders
- Cropped tops which expose the midriff
- Very short skirts
- Jewellery of any kind
- Long skirts that touch the ground
- T shirts or other garments with inappropriate slogans

Make-up and Tattoos

Children must not wear make-up, including nail polish, to school. Stick on tattoos are also not appropriate for school. Neither are false nails.

Responsibility for School Uniform

Parents **MUST** label all items of school uniform, including shoes and trainers. The school cannot accept any responsibility for items of clothing lost in school: parents must instil in children the concept that they are responsible for their personal belongings.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

The Role of Governors

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

The governors will consider, with the Head, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

Equality

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, equality considerations are central to all that we do. We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity and to preventing all unlawful discrimination whether against individuals or groups on grounds of age, race, gender, physical or learning disability. Equality is simply not a minority issue. It is important to everyone.

Safeguarding

The school takes its responsibilities of safeguarding children very seriously. All staff will ensure at all times that the safety and well being of children is the first consideration. Staff will consider the health and safety aspects of any activities offered to children and check the suitability of any visitors engaged to work with the children.