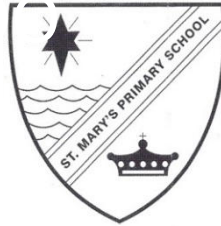




## St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Striving for Excellence in all that we do

# School Uniform Policy

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Date to be Reviewed:	Autumn 2020

Learning to Live Like Jesus

## MISSION STATEMENT

St Mary's Catholic Primary School values each one of us as a child of God. In our safe, happy and caring community founded on the teachings of the Catholic Church, we are encouraged to achieve our full potential. On this journey, we respond to God's invitation to love Him and one another. God's dream for us is to be educated through the Gospel message of Jesus.

We will use our core values:

Courage;

Forgiveness;

Friendship;

Honesty;

Positivity;

Respect;

in all that we do and say and learn.

### Introduction

It is St Mary's Catholic Primary School policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is attached (Appendix 1) and will be included in the school prospectus.

### 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 to the school;
- ♦ is practical and smart;
- ♦ identifies the children with the school;
- ♦ prevents children from coming into the 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.

### Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury to themselves or others.

### Extreme Haircuts

St Mary's Catholic Primary School does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

### **Footwear**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School wants children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated on the uniform list.

### **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents 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.

If any parent feels that the school should modify the uniform policy for any reason, 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 will look sympathetically at such requests.

### **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 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**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its 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.

## **Policy Ratified by the Local Governing Committee**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Signed:

Chair of Local Governing Committee

**Appendix 1:**

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
School Uniform**

Purple St Mary's School Sweatshirt  
White Polo Shirt  
Grey Trousers, Tailored Shorts, or Skirt  
Girls : Grey Tights or White Socks  
Boys: Grey Socks  
Black Shoes **not trainers** to be worn at all times  
Purple St Mary's Book Bag

**PE Kit**

St Mary's T-Shirt  
St Mary's Shorts  
Black Plimsolls

*Optional Winter outdoor PE kit (Years 3-6)*

*Warm Track Suit*

*Outdoor Trainers/Football Boots*

**The following items are available from St Mary's school office.  
All items are printed with the St Mary's School Logo.**

St Mary's Purple Sweatshirt  
St Mary's PE Shirt  
St Mary's PE Shorts  
St Mary's Purple Book Bag