

St Mary's Catholic Primary School



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School Uniform

Revised: Spring 2019
Review Due: Spring 2022

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).

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. Boots can be worn to and from school but are not appropriate to be worn during the school day. 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 governing body's 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: 28th March 2019

Signed:

Chair of Local Governing Committee

Appendix 1:

St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Uniform

EYFS & KS1 :

Purple St Mary's School Sweatshirt

White Polo Shirt

Grey Trousers or Skirt

Girls : Grey Tights or Grey Socks

Boys: Grey Socks

Black Shoes **not trainers** to be worn at all times

Purple St Mary's Book Bag

From Summer term to Autumn half term break tailored grey shorts, or a purple gingham summer dress with white socks, may be worn.

KS2 :

Purple St Mary's School Sweatshirt

White Shirt

School Tie

Grey Trousers or Skirt

Girls : Grey Tights or Grey Socks

Boys: Grey Socks

Black Shoes **not trainers** to be worn at all times

Purple St Mary's Book Bag

From Summer term to Autumn half term break tailored grey shorts, or a purple gingham summer dress with white socks, may be worn.

PE Kit

St Mary's T-Shirt

St Mary's Shorts

Black Plimsolls

Optional Winter outdoor PE kit:

Plain Black Track Suit

Outdoor Trainers

The following items are available from St Mary's school office.

All items are printed for St Mary's.

St Mary's Purple Sweatshirt

St Mary's School Tie (*for KS2 only*)

St Mary's PE Shirt

St Mary's PE Shorts

St Mary's Purple Book Bag