

School Uniform Policy

St Mary & All Saints CE Primary School

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We want the children to be proud of being part of St Mary's School. The school uniform supports positive behaviour and a sense of belonging. It encourages identity with, and support for, the school ethos and ensures pupils of all backgrounds feel welcome. It protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way and nurtures cohesion between different groups of pupils. The school uniform supports effective teaching and learning. We look for parents to support the School in ensuring that children come to school appropriately dressed at all times.

The children at St Mary & All Saints CE Primary School may wear:

White shirt and school tie Grey tailored trousers or shorts (not jeans, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or cords) Brown skirt or pinafore Brown V-neck jumper or cardigan (crested) Black or brown shoes (no suede, trainers, slingbacks or boots) Grey / white / brown socks or tights Yellow checked cotton dress Brown V-neck jumper or cardigan (crested)
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School leaver hoodies can be worn by Year 6 pupils as outerwear, instead of coats, in the Summer Term of their final year. They should not be worn in the classroom.

PE uniform:

This should be worn to school on PE days and consists of:

Yellow polo shirt (crested) Black shorts or skirts Black plimsolls or trainers Brown sweatshirts (crested) Plain brown or black tracksuit bottoms/leggings (may be worn outside if it is cold) NB Cardigans must not be worn for PE as they can get caught on the equipment or other children
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Suppliers and second-hand uniform

In order to reduce costs to parents as far as possible we have endeavoured to minimise the number of crested items (branded) required. Most items can be bought from any store, e.g. grey tailored trousers, white shirts, dresses may be bought from Tesco, Sainsburys, Marks and Spencer etc. The School Shop in Beaconsfield is the official school outfitter and can supply crested items.

The school has a stock of second-hand uniform, which is sold by the PTA. Assistance is available for parents who are experiencing difficulty with providing school uniform due to financial reasons and parents are encouraged to let the school know via the Headteacher or the office.

Parents are asked to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the child's name.

Hair and Jewellery

Hair must be neat and tidy with no extremes of colour or style. We ask that children with long hair (shoulder length or longer) have it appropriately tied back (for both safety and hygiene reasons). Hair ties should reflect the school colours. Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish to school.

We request that no jewellery be worn in school. If a child has pierced ears, only studs should be worn. Health and Safety guidelines state studs must be removed for PE and Games and therefore request that children do not wear studs on the days they have PE lessons. If there is a particular reason why they have to wear studs on these days, parents are asked to ensure that children are either able to remove studs themselves or tape their ears to cover the studs prior to PE and Games. Parents should supply tape for this purpose. Children are allowed to wear watches in school. These should not be able to connect to the internet whilst in school. It is not realistic to expect teachers to look after children's jewellery and the teacher cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to jewellery worn by children.

It is important for security reasons that children at the school are identifiable and therefore any head covering for religious reasons must always allow easy identification of the child.

Exceptional Circumstances

If children are not dressed appropriately, the circumstances regarding the reasons will be established.

Individual pupils may not be able to wear school uniform because of temporary or permanent medical conditions. For example, pupils with some skin conditions may be unable to wear specific fabrics, and pupils with foot or leg injuries may be unable to wear school shoes. Temporary circumstances will be accommodated understandingly. However permanent changes will need to be discussed with the Headteacher.

Reasonable time will be allowed for parents to replace uniform if it is lost or stolen.

If pupils are not wearing the correct uniform because parents are in financial difficulties, the parents will be given time to purchase the required items. Pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform.

If there is no good reason for non-compliance, then the parents will be notified and the child will need to change into the correct uniform. Children will either be able to change at school (if the correct uniform can be provided) or, when necessary, parents will be asked to take their child home to change.