



St. Mary's R.C. Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Introduction:

At St Mary's RC Primary School, our policy is that all children should wear school uniform when attending school and when taking part in a school-organised event outside the standard school day. This applies at all times unless advised otherwise by school, for example a residential trip.

Aims and Objectives:

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there is a reason why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, school will look sympathetically at such requests, for example religious objections. Similarly, should an item of uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

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

- contributes to a sense of belonging to the school family;
- helps our children to realise that their school is a place of purpose;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- maintains classroom focus by not distracting pupils (as fashion clothes may do);
- promotes equality of child-on-child in terms of appearance;
- is regarded by parents as suitable and good value for money;
- takes guidance from and has been designed with health and safety in mind;

The Role of Parents/Carers

St Mary's School encourages all families to send their children into school dressed according to the school Uniform Policy, ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent/carer has a proposition to modify the uniform, they should initially make representation to the Headteacher in writing.

The Role of Governors:

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, helps children to dress sensibly for school by wearing clothing that is practical, safe and hardwearing.

Monitoring and Review:

When monitoring this policy, the Governing Body will:

- seek the views of parents to ensure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Headteacher to report to Governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

UNIFORM LIST

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- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo – no other logo is permitted.
- White polo shirt (preferably with school logo – no other logo is permitted).
- Grey school trousers, pinafore dress or skirt.
- Grey tights can be worn as part of the winter uniform.
- Red and white check gingham dress (summer uniform)
- Grey shorts (summer uniform)
- White or grey socks
- Sensible black leather school shoes (no trainers or sandals)

PE KIT:

- a plain white t-shirt, navy loose blue shorts and trainers (no leggings or cycling shorts).
- a burgundy school tracksuit with school logo on the hoodie and plain bottoms (sweatshirts/cardigans may be worn as an alternative to a hoodie).
- for EYFS, PE kits should be kept in school in a suitable drawstring PE bag with pumps.

Y1-Y6 pupils are able to attend school in their PE kit and school tracksuit on the day they have PE lessons. Please ensure that shorts are available for every PE lesson. Children can wear them under their tracksuit or bring them in book bags on their PE days.

All uniform must be labelled with the child's name. Uniform which is ordered via the school's supplier has the child's name pre-printed on the label which saves a lot of worry and expense. We expect children to be able to dress and undress themselves for PE (help will be given to young children if necessary). Old shirts or pinafores are helpful for art/craft.

All pupils should use school book bags which can be purchased from the office. We cannot store large cases or duffle bags on pegs in the classrooms.

Access to our online supplier Touchline can be found at <http://www.touchline-embroidery.co.uk/st-marys-rc-primary-horwich/>. The password for the school's unique secure site is: stma4429 (all lower case with no spaces). Uniform can still be ordered via an order form available from the school office. Non-logo uniform can be bought from a supplier of the parent's choice, such as Asda, Tesco, Aldi, charity shops etc.

FOOTWEAR - For health and safety reasons the children should come to school in sensible black leather school shoes without heels or sling back type shoes. Pumps or suitable trainers are needed for PE and sports. Children must always wear socks.

HAIR - Children are expected to have appropriate hairstyles. Extreme hairstyles are unacceptable, as are hair motifs, gelled and dyed hair. Ribbons or clips should be discrete and in school colours.

JEWELLERY - In the interests of health and safety:

- Chains, pendants, bracelets, bangles, rings, nose studs and other similar items are not allowed.
- Earrings are not allowed to be worn in school.
- Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish.
- Watches are allowed as long as they do not have a camera.

MOBILE PHONES - Mobile phones are not allowed in school, except for pupils in Years 5 and 6, unless under special circumstances. Children in upper KS2 who do bring phones must hand them in to the class

teacher who will keep them in a safe place until school finishes. Mobile phones must be switched off and not used once through the school gates and on the school grounds.