



ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

School Mission Statement

Based upon our belief of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of the World, we will give all children a positive experience of Christianity and learning, whilst retaining a respect for other faiths. We will promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of all pupils, within a caring, loving, stimulating and nurturing environment, which is firmly based upon Christian values.

All children will receive a wealth of high quality educational experiences through the positive involvement of school, home and St. Mary's Church.

Introduction

1.1 At St Mary's CE Primary School it is our 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 included in this policy and also in the school brochure. As a school we are also committed to ensuring that branded items are kept to a minimum so that the cost of a school uniform is affordable for parents and carers.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 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 towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to 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.
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears and small discreet watches.

We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with plasters in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury. Pupils should not wear ear-rings if they are attending swimming lessons.

4 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

5 Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe footwear that is black in colour. Boots should not be worn as they can present a health and safety risk. Trainers are not allowed to be worn in school.

6 PE

Our P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and navy shorts. Pupils need to wear black plimsolls for PE lessons. Girls have the option to wear navy tracksuit bottoms if they wish to do so **(optional)**, rather than navy shorts. Leggings are not permitted. All pupils need to ensure that their PE kit is in school.

7 Stockists

The majority of St Mary's CE Primary School uniform can be purchased from a variety of retailers. This includes polo shirts, trousers, shoes and PE kit.

The school jumper can currently be purchased from Amin's on Bank Street in Rawtenstall.

As an alternative school also has a variety of second hand uniform items available free of charge from families who require support with the school uniform.

8 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 the school has a problem with clothing that a pupil is wearing parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.

If parents or carers need support with any items of the school uniform please contact the school office on 01706 216407 as we have a variety of second hands items available free of charge.

As a school we would also warmly welcome donations of any second hand or used school uniform from members of our school community.

8 The role of governors

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through the Curriculum Committee. 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.

Policy agreed – September 2022

Review date – September 2025

APPENDIX 1

St Marys CE Primary School Uniform Policy

<p>Winter</p>	<p>Plain grey skirt or smart grey trousers – leggings are not allowed</p> <p>Smart Grey Trousers</p> <p>Navy Blue School Sweatshirt with the St Mary’s badge</p> <p>White School Polo shirt or White School Polo shirt with badge (optional)</p> <p>Black shoes (no boots)</p> <p>Black or Grey plain Socks</p> <p>Plain white or grey socks/tights</p>
<p>Summer (Optional)</p>	<p>Blue and White Checked dress with white socks</p> <p>Smart Grey Trousers or Smart Grey Shorts</p> <p>Grey Skirts or Smart Grey Trousers – leggings are not allowed</p> <p>White School Polo Shirt or White School Polo shirt with badge</p>

P.E Kit must be worn for all P.E and Games lessons

<p>Physical Education</p>	<p>Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms</p> <p>Leggings are not allowed</p> <p>Plain white t-shirt</p> <p>White school PE top with school badge (optional)</p> <p>Black school pumps</p>
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Swimming

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 attend compulsory swimming lessons and are taught in single sex groups. Children must wear swimming trunks (not shorts or Bermuda type shorts) or one piece reasonably plain costume and swimming hat.

Hairstyles

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Footwear

Sensible footwear should be worn in school at all times to maintain standards of health and safety.

Trainers and boots are not allowed at school.

Earrings

The Governors recommend, for safety reasons, that earrings should not be worn for school, but where a child already has pierced ears, only small studs are suitable. These earrings must be removed or covered by the child before he/she will be allowed to take part in any P.E, swimming or games lessons. Newly pierced ears must be covered with plasters before participation in P.E sessions. These plasters must be supplied from home. Plasters cannot be worn for swimming.