



# St Mary's Church of England Primary School

*'Encourage one another and build each other up'*  
Thessalonians 5:11

**Uniform Policy  
Summer 2022**

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This school uniform policy has been developed and will be implemented with consideration to the [Education \(Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms\) Act 2021](#).

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for our school uniform on our [school website](#).

## 1. Aims and Objectives

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

- Identifies the children within the school;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- enables children to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is practical and smart and not distracting in class;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## 2. Supplier

Any uniform items incorporating the school's logo can be purchased from these sources:

- [www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com)

Non logo uniform can also be worn and can be sourced at various places including most large supermarkets. This can be a much more cost effective solution.

The school has a number of items of good quality used uniform which are available free of charge to parents on request. As an Eco school we want to show we are considering sustainability in extending the life of these garments and also to be able to benefit parents, particularly those on lower incomes.

## 3. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and not to tape them over.

## 4. Hair & Nails

The school discourages extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Hair accessories must be small and match the school colours. We do not allow large bows.

During PE lessons hair must be either tied up or a hair band used to keep hair out of eyes.

Nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not allowed.

## 5. Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We require all children to wear the types of shoes described in the uniform list.

It is an expectation that children should be able to put on and do up their own shoes. Please only choose lace ups if your child can do up the laces themselves. Again this is for health & safety reasons and to avoid trips and falls.

#### **6. The role of parents**

- We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.
- If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head of School.
- If there are reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.
- Should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the school's attention. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.
- All clothing and personal items should be labelled with the child's name.
- Any parent having difficulty purchasing a uniform for any reason is welcome to contact the school office. Enquiries will be dealt with in a confidential manner.

#### **7. The role of governors**

- The governing body supports the Head of School in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Head of School. to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets the Trust's Single Equality Duty Policy.

#### **8. Monitoring and review**

- The day-to-day monitoring of this policy is the responsibility of the Head of School.
- This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.