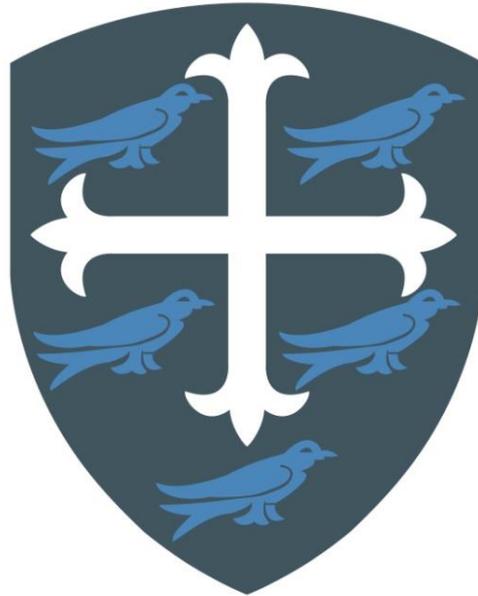


St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Uniform Policy 2019-2021

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Responsible Person:	Governing Body

Mission Statement

"The family of St Mary's strives to grow in God's love and care by learning together and valuing the uniqueness of each person."

Signed by Chair of Governors:

Signed by Headteacher:

Introduction:

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending St Mary's Catholic Primary School and when participating in school-organised events outside of normal school hours. The school governors and leadership team consider personal appearance of the greatest importance and all pupils are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that their child arrives at school in accordance with the School Uniform Policy.

Boys Summer Uniform

- Sky Blue Polo with school crest *
- Grey plain shorts
- Grey jumper with school crest *
- Grey socks
- Black school shoes
- Black school blazer with school crest *



Girls Summer Uniform

- Blue/white gingham checked dress *
- White socks – ankle or knee length
- Grey cardigan with school crest *
- Black school shoes
- Black school blazer with school crest *



Boys Winter Uniform

- Light blue long sleeve shirt
- School tie *
- Grey trousers
- Grey jumper with school crest *
- Grey socks
- Black school shoes
- Black school blazer with school crest *
- Black coat



Girls Winter Uniform

- Light blue long sleeve shirt
- Grey pinafore (Y1&2 only)
- Grey skirt (Y3,4,5,6)
- School tie *
- Grey cardigan with school crest *
- Black tights/socks
- Black school shoes
- Black school blazer with school crest *
- Black coat



Items marked with an asterisk (*) are ONLY available from our school uniform providers – Sogans. Please see the school office staff for information on Sogans.

Summer PE Kit/Early Years Uniform

T-shirt with school crest *
Black shorts
White socks
White trainers
Blue PE kit bag with school crest *
Black coat



Winter PE Kit/Early Years Uniform

T-shirt with school crest *
Grey tracksuit with school crest *
White socks
White trainers
Blue PE kit bag with school crest *
Black coat



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Children not allowed to wear the following:

- Coloured trainers
- Boots
- Hoodies
- Denim, leather or brightly coloured coats
- Brightly coloured hats or scarves or any item of clothing with branding or logos which are not official school uniform items
- Brightly coloured hair accessories

As fashion trends can vary, the headteacher reserves the right to introduce additional instructions regarding uniform and presentation as and when necessary to preserve the general ethos of the School Uniform Policy.

Aims and Objectives:

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery:

We do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are small, plain, silver or gold studs in pierced ears. Studs with diamonds/stones in them are not permitted. All children may wear a watch. We ask children to remove watches during PE and games for health and safety reasons.

Hair:

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to themselves or other children. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair or eyebrows.

- Hair may be of contrasting lengths, but must be appropriately blended between the top and the sides and back.
- Children with hair which is shoulder length or longer must have this neatly tied back at all times with an elastic band or clip that is one of our school colours (white, blue, black or grey). If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band to tie hair up with.
- Fringes should blend in naturally with the hairstyle and be cut above the eye line. Fringes should not be tufted, spiked or a different thickness to the rest of the hair.
- Any hair accessory worn by your child should be discrete and white, black, blue or grey in colour. The accessory should serve the purpose of keeping hair tidy and not be worn for decorative purposes. Elastic bands and hairbands must not have bobbles, flowers, bows etc. attached to them. If a hairband must be worn to keep hair tidy, this should be discrete and thin. If beads must be used to support a style, these should be kept to a minimum and be in white, black, blue or grey.
- Children with braided hair should ensure the style is sensible and simple. There should be no patterns, swirls or various lengths. Hair extensions or wigs are not permitted (except for medical reasons).
- Hairstyles must not incorporate any unnatural designs including ticks, lines and swirls. The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed. This also helps with health & safety in PE because some of the styling products can come off onto the PE mats, causing them to have a slippery surface which is obviously dangerous for any child. If children come to school with styles that are not permitted within the spirit of the School Uniform Policy, parents will be contacted and advised that the style must be rectified. It is not possible to foresee misinterpretations of the policy or to predict future fashion trends so parents are reminded of the expectation that the decision of the school in such matters is to be respected at all times.

Make Up:

Make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

Footwear:

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. 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. Neither do we allow children to wear any kind of boots.

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 the responsibility to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If a child attends school without the correct school uniform or PE kit, coat or shoes, the Parent/Guardian will be contacted and requested to bring in the correct uniform to school.

The Role of Governors:

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. This policy cannot deal with every possible new fashion and variation of dress and hairstyles. The Headteacher, supported by the Governing Body, reserves the right to take exception to hair styles and dress which deliberately breach the general school dress code.

Parental Support Expectations:

In accepting an offer of a place and in sending your child to St Mary's Catholic Primary School, you are agreeing to fully support school policies, procedures and high expectations.

FAQs

Where can I buy the school uniform?

We use Sogans as a uniform supplier and they are located on 6 Greyhound Rd, London W6 8NX. You can order online or over the phone from them and they will deliver.

The items that you MUST purchase from Sogans include:

- ✓ Boys: summer polo top; jumper; PE t-shirt; PE tracksuit; blazer; school bag; tie
- ✓ Girls: summer dress; cardigan; PE t-shirt; PE tracksuit; blazer; school bag; tie

What should I do if there is a problem with my child's uniform?

Contact the school office or your child's teacher via email first thing in the morning to inform us of what the problem is. We may be able to assist you.

What should I do if my child does not have their PE kit?

Parents are notified as to what day their child needs to have their PE kit in school. Children in Y1&2 wear their PE kit into school when they have PE. Children in Y3 to Y6 must bring their PE kit into school on the days they have PE.

We ask parents to support their child by ensuring they have their PE kit. If there is a problem on a particular day, contact the school office or your child's teacher via email first thing in the morning to let us know.

If a child continually forgets their PE kit; teachers will contact the parents to discuss this issue.

What will happen if my child is wearing the incorrect uniform?

If you have not contacted us, staff will contact you to ask for an explanation and remind you of the expectations for uniform.

How can I help my child not to lose any items of their uniform?

You should clearly write your child's name in black permanent pen on every item of their uniform; including their PE kit.

Can my child wear jewellery?

Children are only allowed to wear a watch and small plain, stud earrings.

Does my child need to wear a blazer?

Yes. Children are expected to wear their blazer:

- ✓ To and from school each day
- ✓ To assemblies in our school hall
- ✓ To Mass in the church
- ✓ On any trip

In the very hot weather, children will be permitted to take their blazer off; however children should have it with them each day in school.

Will my child's uniform be checked?

Yes. Uniform checks are regularly carried out by both class teachers and senior leaders. Parents will be contacted if children are wearing the incorrect uniform and we have not been informed.