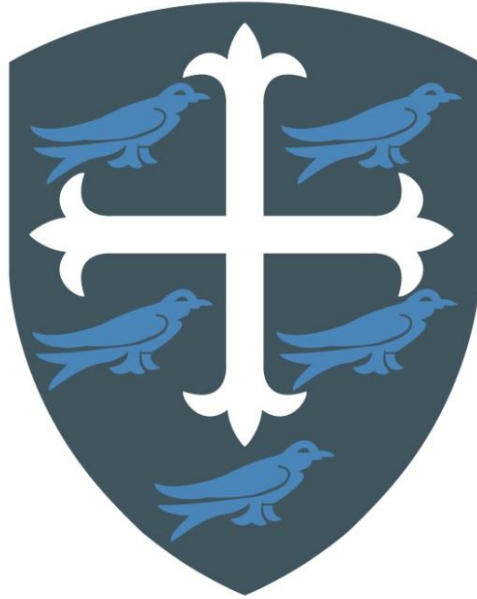


St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Uniform Policy 2026-2027

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Mission Statement

"Inspired by Mary,
we grow together in God's love and care,
opening our Heart and Minds"

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1. Introduction:

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School we believe that a clear and consistent school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school,
- creates a feeling of belonging and community,
- supports equality between pupils,
- is practical, smart and good value for money.

All pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform when attending school and when representing the school at official events.

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that their child arrives at school wearing the correct uniform.

All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

The Governing Body reviews this policy regularly to ensure that it remains affordable, inclusive and in line with government guidance.

2. Equality and Inclusion

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is committed to ensuring that the school uniform policy is fair, inclusive and non-discriminatory.

The school will ensure that uniform requirements do not disadvantage pupils on the basis of protected characteristics, including religion or belief, race, sex, gender identity, disability or socio-economic background.

Reasonable adjustments will be considered where necessary to ensure that all pupils are able to access and participate fully in school life.

Where uniform or appearance requirements relate to religious or cultural dress, the school will consider requests sensitively and make reasonable adjustments where appropriate.

In all cases, the school will ensure that clothing and accessories do not present a health, safety or safeguarding risk to pupils or others.

3. Uniform Summary – Quick Guide

The school aims to keep uniform requirements **clear, affordable and practical** for families. In line with Department for Education guidance on school uniform affordability, St Mary's Catholic Primary School requires **only three compulsory branded items**.

Compulsory Branded Uniform	
Grey school jumper with school logo	Available from Sogans
Grey school cardigan with school logo	
School tie	
These are the only compulsory branded items required by the school.	
Standard School Uniform (Non-Branded)	
Light blue shirt	
Grey trousers	
Grey skirt or pinafore dress	
Grey plain shorts	Summer option
Blue and white gingham dress	Summer option
Grey, white or black socks or tights	
Plain black school shoes	No trainers or boots
Optional Branded Items	
The following items are available but not compulsory	
School blazer	Optional for pupils in Years 1–6
School jacket	Optional outdoor item
School book bag or backpack	Any suitable bag may be used
School PE bag	Optional
School hat	Optional winter accessory
Pupils may use suitable alternatives purchased from other retailers	
Nursery Uniform	
Children in Nursery wear a PE-style uniform for comfort and ease of movement.	
White T-shirt (with or without school logo)	
Grey tracksuit or jogging bottoms	
Trainers (black or white)	
White socks	
PE Kit (Reception – Year 6)	
White T-shirt (with or without logo)	
Black shorts	
Grey tracksuit (for colder weather)	
Trainers (white or black)	
White socks	
PE kits should be kept in a named PE bag.	

4. Uniform Availability

The school aims to ensure that school uniform is affordable and accessible for all families.

Only three items of uniform are required to carry the school logo:

- school jumper
- school cardigan
- school tie

These items are available from the school's uniform supplier.

All other uniform items can be purchased from a wide range of retailers and do not need to be branded.

The school and Governing Body review uniform requirements periodically to ensure that costs remain reasonable and that uniform items are widely available to families.

5. Compulsory Uniform

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 are expected to wear the following:

Compulsory Branded Items

- Grey school jumper with school logo
- Grey school cardigan with school logo
- School tie

These items are available from the school's uniform supplier.

Other Required Uniform (non-branded)

- Light blue shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey plain shorts (summer option)
- Blue and white gingham dress (summer option)
- Grey, black or white socks or tights
- Black school shoes

Parents may purchase non-branded items from any retailer.

Pupils may choose any of the clothing options listed above.

6. Optional Branded Items

The school offers a small number of optional branded items which families may choose to purchase. These items are optional and are not required as part of the school uniform.

These include:

- School blazer
- School jacket
- School PE bag
- School backpack
- School hat

These items are **optional** and pupils may use suitable alternatives purchased from other retailers.

7. Nursery Uniform

Children in Nursery wear a PE-style uniform for comfort and ease of movement.

Nursery pupils should wear:

- White T-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Grey tracksuit or jogging bottoms
- Trainers (black or white)
- White socks

8. PE Kit

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 are expected to have a PE kit in school.

PE kit consists of:

- White T-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Black shorts
- Grey tracksuit for colder weather
- Trainers (white or black)
- White socks

PE kits should be kept in a named PE bag.

9. Footwear

Pupils should wear plain black school shoes.

The following footwear is not permitted:

- Trainers - these should only be worn for PE
- boots worn indoors
- high heels or platform shoes

Wellington boots may be worn to school in wet weather but pupils must change into school shoes once inside the building.

10. Jewellery

Pupils should not wear jewellery in school.

The only permitted jewellery is:

- small plain stud earrings
- a wristwatch

For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed during PE.

11. Hair and Appearance

Hair should be clean, tidy and appropriate for school.

Long hair should be tied back where necessary for safety or to support learning.

Protective hairstyles and culturally significant hairstyles, including braids, cornrows, twists, locs and similar styles, are permitted.

Hair accessories should be small and in school colours (blue, black, white or grey).

Hairstyles should be appropriate for a school environment and should not include offensive words, symbols or images.

12. Bags, Coats and Accessories

Pupils may bring bags, coats and accessories to school which are suitable for everyday school use.

School-branded versions of some items, such as bags or hats, may be available to purchase but these items are **optional**.

Families may use suitable alternatives purchased from other retailers.

Items brought to school should:

- be practical and appropriate for a school environment
- not contain offensive or inappropriate images, slogans or language
- be of a reasonable size so they can be stored safely in classrooms and cloakrooms

Outdoor coats may be worn to and from school. Coats should be plain and suitable for school use.

13. Second-Hand Uniform

St Mary's Catholic Primary School aims to keep the cost of school uniform as low as possible for families.

A small supply of **second-hand uniform** is available through the school. These items have been donated by families whose children have grown out of them.

Parents or carers who would like to access second-hand uniform should contact the **school office**, who will be happy to assist.

Families are also welcome to donate clean, good-quality uniform items that their children no longer need.

Availability of second-hand uniform will depend on the items that have been donated.

14. Where Uniform Can Be Purchased

Branded items are available from:

Sogans
6 Greyhound Road
London W6 8NX

Most other uniform items can be purchased from a wide range of retailers.

15. Role of Parents/Carers

Parents and carers are expected to support the school's uniform policy.

Parents should ensure that their child:

- attends school wearing the correct uniform
- has clothing that is clean, safe and in good condition
- has all items clearly labelled with their name
- brings the correct PE kit to school when required

If there are exceptional circumstances that prevent a pupil from wearing the correct uniform, parents should inform the school as soon as possible so that the situation can be considered and appropriate support offered.

The school recognises that families may occasionally experience financial or practical difficulties in obtaining uniform items and will work with parents where possible to provide support.

16. Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing and reviewing the school uniform policy.

Governors are responsible for ensuring that the policy:

- reflects the ethos and values of the school
- supports equality and inclusion for all pupils
- keeps uniform costs reasonable and affordable for families
- complies with relevant legislation and government guidance on school uniform

The Governing Body will review this policy periodically to ensure that it continues to meet these requirements.

17. Uniform Queries or Concerns

If parents or carers have questions or concerns about school uniform, they are encouraged to contact the **school office** in the first instance.

The school recognises that there may occasionally be circumstances which prevent a pupil from wearing the correct uniform. In these situations, parents should inform the school as soon as possible so that appropriate support or guidance can be provided.

The Headteacher retains discretion to make reasonable adjustments where appropriate.

18. Uniform Expectations

The school expects all pupils to attend school wearing the correct uniform.

However, the school recognises that there may occasionally be exceptional circumstances where a pupil does not have the correct uniform. In these situations, the school will take a reasonable and proportionate approach and will work with families to resolve the issue.

Pupils will not normally be excluded from lessons due to incorrect uniform.

Parents or carers may be contacted if uniform issues occur repeatedly so that the school can provide guidance or support where necessary.