

# Bishop Martin CE Primary School



**Learning Together, Growing in Faith**

*'Let your light shine before others so they may see your good deeds' (Matthew 5:13).*

## School Uniform Policy

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## Our School Vision & Ethos

Our school motto statement '*Learning Together, Growing in Faith*' is underpinned by the gospel saying '*May Your Light Shine Before Others So They May See Your Good Deeds*' (Matthew 5.16). Our five Core Christian Values are: **Hope, Trust, Respect, Kindness** and in the centre of all four of these, **Love**. These values are represented, throughout school, by our Values Design. Rooted in the Bible Quotes around the outside of the design, the four Values of **Hope, Trust, Kindness and Respect** all flow towards the centre where our motto sits, surrounded by the heart representing **Love**. This design, its meaning and symbolism and these Christian Values were agreed upon with all members of the family of Bishop Martin fully involved.



## Introduction

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.

## 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, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

## Our School Uniform:

All items of clothing should be identifiable by a name tag. We believe that our pupils should be proud to wear the Bishop Martin logo on their uniform, and all are invited to do so. However uniform items can be worn with or without the school logo.

- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with or without the school logo
- White polo shirt with or without the school logo
- Plain dark grey skirt/pinafore dress /smart trousers/knee length tailored shorts
- Plain grey socks (below the knee if worn with a skirt) or plain grey tights
- Black smart/formal school shoes – no trainers

- Outdoor fleece (optional)
- Sun cap (optional)
- Blue and white gingham dress, or white top with gingham shorts, or gingham romper suit (Summer Term And Autumn 1 Term only) to be worn with white socks

Royal blue sweatshirts, cardigans, white polo shirts and T-shirts embroidered with the school crest can be purchased from AC Sport.

If pupils are required to cover their heads for religious reasons, the scarves should be black or royal blue, and secure when worn but easily removed in an emergency. They should also not impair the hearing.

### **PE Uniform (Children can come to school in their PE uniform on PE days)**

All items of clothing should be identifiable by a name tag.

- Royal blue sweatshirt/hoody with or without the school logo
- Plain white T-shirt with or without school logo
- Navy blue loose shorts (summer term only) or black jog pants/black leggings
- Dark trainers

Some families require that pupils cover their arms and legs at all times. The school will respect this.

We do not allow the wearing of jewellery whilst doing PE or sports lessons because it could be dangerous.

### **Jewellery & Nails**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are medical jewellery, small stud earrings and watches (NOT smart watches). Earrings MUST be removed for PE.

Artificial nail extensions are also not permitted due to health and safety. Nail varnish is also not to be worn, as it is not in keeping with our smart school uniform.

### **Extreme Haircuts and Styles**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes very closely shaved parts of the head including 'tramlines', hair dye and/or hair extensions.

Long hair should be tied back, and hair accessories should be blue/white. Large hair accessories should not be worn.

### **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. All shoes including sandals should have a heel strap for safety. We do not allow children to wear trainers to school unless on PE days; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

### **The Role of Parents/Carers**

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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy for a special need/requirement, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious 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. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the school. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

### **The Role of Governors**

The Local Governing Board 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 it is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.