

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Uniform Policy

Reviewed: July 2026
Next Review: July 2027

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Mission Statement

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School exists to serve the Roman Catholic families of the Parish of Our Lady of the Holy Souls, Kensal New Town and other local parishes.

The aims of our schools are:

- To promote Christian values where pupils live, learn and celebrate the teaching of Christ.
- To provide a curriculum which is broad, balanced and meaningful and where pupils can experience enjoyment and fulfilment.
- To promote the highest standards of teaching and learning within the framework of the National Curriculum
- To develop in each pupil a sense of achievement, value and self worth and to achieve the standards of which they are capable.
- To help our pupils acquire the skills of independent learning and make sufficiently rapid progress.
- To provide a safe and secure environment where pupils feel valued, and where they respect, help and care for each other.
- To involve parents in all aspects of their pupil's education and promote good home/school partnership.
- To develop in our pupils awareness and respect for the different cultures and religions represented in society and their responsibility to the wider community.
- To foster the continuing development of staff, parents and governors in serving the community.

St. Mary's Values- these are the values that underpin all areas of our school community:

- Kindness
- Respect
- Tolerance
- Honesty
- Responsibility (for ourselves and our world)
- Co-operation

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At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we believe that school uniform helps children feel a strong sense of belonging, promotes equality and encourages pride in our school community.

We are committed to keeping our uniform **affordable, practical and accessible for all families**. Our uniform requirements have been reviewed in line with the Department for Education's guidance on the cost of school uniform and the new requirements applying from September 2026.

Our school uniform is an important part of our shared identity and reflects the high standards and expectations we have for all members of our school community. Wearing the correct uniform encourages pupils to take pride in themselves and their school, develop a sense of belonging and demonstrate responsibility and respect. Being smartly and appropriately dressed also helps pupils feel prepared and ready to learn each day.

Our School Uniform

Boys' Uniform

- White shirt
- Grey trousers or, in summer, grey shorts
- St Mary's red V-neck jumper or cardigan – **compulsory branded item**
- St Mary's school tie – **compulsory branded item**
- Grey/black socks
- Smart black school shoes – **no boots or trainers**

Girls' Uniform

- White blouse
- grey skirt or tunic
- Red and white checked summer dress
- St Mary's red V-neck jumper or cardigan – **compulsory branded item**
- St Mary's school tie – **compulsory branded item**
- White socks or grey/red tights
- Smart black school shoes – **no boots or trainers**

Where a branded item is optional, families may purchase a suitable unbranded alternative **in keeping with the school uniform**.

School Coat

Children may wear either:

- St Mary's school jacket – **optional branded item**, or
- Plain navy or black coat or jacket

School Backpack

- St Mary's school backpack – **compulsory branded item**

Nursery Uniform

- St Mary's navy blue sweatshirt – **compulsory branded item**
- White polo shirt

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- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- Sensible black school shoes – no laces

Nursery children do not wear a PE kit. **The school coat requirements are the same as for all other pupils.**

PE Kit

- Plain white T-shirt or St Mary's white PE T-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Navy tracksuit – weather dependent and required on cooler days

The St Mary's PE T-shirt is **optional**. A plain white T-shirt is an acceptable alternative.

The St Mary's polo shirt and navy sweatshirt are also optional.

Hair Accessories and Jewellery

All shoulder length or longer hair must be tied up at all times.

Only stud earrings are permitted – no hooped or dangly earrings.

Children may wear an inexpensive watch (please note that 'smart watches' of any description are not allowed).

Swimming

Children in Key Stage 2 will need:

- Swimming costume or swimming trunks
- Towel
- Optional: swimming cap and goggles

Swimming items do not need to be branded.

Optional St Mary's Items

The following St Mary's-branded items are available for families who wish to purchase them but are **not compulsory**:

- St Mary's school jacket
- St Mary's PE T-shirt
- St Mary's polo shirt
- St Mary's red sweatshirt
- St Mary's PE bag
- St Mary's book bag
- St Mary's navy fleece
- St Mary's woolly hat
- St Mary's baseball cap
- St Mary's water bottle

Where to Buy Uniform

Compulsory branded items and optional St Mary's branded items are available through our school uniform supplier, **Stitchdesign**.

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Generic items such as shirts, blouses, trousers, shorts, skirts, socks, tights and PE kit may be purchased from a retailer of your choice.

Generic items should be **plain, suitable for school and in the specified colour and style.**

Families are encouraged to compare prices and choose good-quality, durable and affordable items.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We encourage families to use good-quality pre-loved uniform wherever possible.

Pre-loved uniform is available through the school office. Please contact the office for information about available items and how to access them.

Families are also encouraged to pass on uniform that their children have outgrown but which is still in good condition.

Weather and Individual Circumstances

The school may make reasonable temporary adjustments to uniform expectations in response to extreme or adverse weather.

We will also consider reasonable adjustments where a pupil has a disability, medical need, religious or belief requirement, or other individual circumstance that affects their ability to comply with the uniform requirements.

Any adjustments will be considered sensitively and in accordance with the school's legal duties.

Uniform Expectations

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

Children should come to school wearing the correct uniform and have the appropriate PE or swimming kit when required.

We expect uniform to be clean, safe, suitable for school and worn appropriately.

If a family is experiencing difficulty meeting the cost of uniform or PE kit, please speak confidentially to the school office. We will work with families to ensure that cost does not prevent a child from attending school or participating fully in school life.

If a child is unable to comply with the uniform requirements because of financial circumstances, this will be dealt with sensitively and will not result in the child missing learning or other aspects of school life.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the governing body to ensure that it remains affordable, practical, inclusive and compliant with current legislation and Department for Education guidance.

Any significant changes to the uniform requirements will be communicated to families in advance.

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