



June 2026,

Dear Parent / Carer,

The government's new guidance on school uniform and PE kit, which comes into effect from September 2026, places greater emphasis on affordability for families and limits the number of compulsory branded items schools can require.

In line with this guidance, apart from the compulsory badged items, pupils are able to purchase other required and optional PE kit items from regular retailers rather than exclusively through our school supplier. However, where items are purchased from alternative retailers, there is clear criteria in place regarding appearance, colour and style, and all items must be plain with no visible branding or logos.

We have reviewed our PE kit pricing and quality extensively and strongly believe that the kit provided by our school supplier offers excellent quality and value for money. The only compulsory badged item pupils are required to have is the Joma T-shirt. All other required and optional items do not carry the school badge, with the exception of the optional 1/4 zip jumper, which is available with the school badge. Whilst families are free to purchase suitable plain, non-branded items elsewhere, we highly recommend purchasing the full PE kit through our school supplier, as the pricing is highly competitive for durable, high-quality products designed to last. There is also an additional discount for purchasing a bundle.

Please find attached a copy of the St Mary's PE and School Sport Uniform and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) policy. This outlines compulsory PE uniform, optional uniform and PE specific Personal Protective Equipment your child will require, as directed by Lancashire County Council.

Yours faithfully,

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(Curriculum Leader for PE)



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Our current suggested kit suppliers are Official Kit.

You will see some of our previous PE kit in school for pupils in Year 8 onwards. This was to allow a smooth transition and prevent any additional costs for parents. If your child is in the current Y8 cohort (2025/26), they can still purchase any surplus stock from Impressions, Leyland. Once this stock has depleted, parents can purchase PE uniform from our school supplier Official Kits.

Please note the following:

- All new Year 7 pupils from September 2025 onwards to be in the new JOMA PE Kit
- All current pupils to have the option to purchase the new JOMA PE kit or continue to wear their current AKOA PE kit whilst it still fits them.
- Impressions uniform supplier will continue to sell the current AKOA PE kit until this is no longer in stock
- From September 2029, all pupils to be in the JOMA PE kit

Please note:

- There is no shop to place an order for the JOMA kit. Instead, there will be a stock of sample sizes in school for pupils to try on and there will be a website for orders.
- If the kit is ordered online before a set deadline, delivery will be free into school.
- If the kit is ordered after the deadline, delivery will be to a selected address with a delivery charge applied.
- Year 7 – Kit can be viewed during the following occasions:
 - o Year 7 Intake evening – Official Kit attending meeting to answer any questions. Sample sizes can be viewed.
 - o Year 7 transition day (Parent not present – pupils will need to write down size and inform parents).
 - o Link on the school website to Official Kit.

How to order

Our supplier, Official Kit are able to process and deliver your child's kit into school free of charge. Alternatively, you can order the kit at any time, however you will need to pay the delivery charge. Please ensure you add your child's form group for the academic year 2026/27 e.g current 7N would be 8N.

Deadline for kit to be delivered into school for free = Sunday 16th August 2026

Website to place order: <https://www.officialkit.co.uk/shop/st-marys-leyland>

If you have any queries, please email Mrs Addison-Jones at j.addison-jones@lsmchs.com

PE Kit Policy

Item	Optional or required	Branding	How to acquire	Cost per item from school supplier (size dependent)
PE T Shirt	Required	School logo on right-hand side	Available from school supplier and second-hand from school office	£12.25 / £15.25
Plain navy blue shorts	Required *Pupils must have either shorts or skort)*	No branding	Available from regular retailers	£5.50 / £6.50
Plain navy blue skort	Required *Pupils must have either shorts or skort)*	No branding	Available from school supplier and second-hand from school office	£17.50 / £21.25
Navy blue knee length football socks	Required	No branding	Available from regular retailers	£4.50 / £5.25
Royal blue ¼ zip PE jumper	Optional	School logo on right-hand side	Available from school supplier and second-hand from school office	£17.50 / £21.25
Navy sports leggings	Optional	No branding	Available from regular retailers	£16.25 / £19.50
Navy track pants	Optional	No branding	Available from regular retailers	£16.50 / £19.95

* Bundle discount available where required kit is purchased from our school supplier (See below).

Parents who do not wish to buy the optional branded PE kit must acquire a PE kit meeting the following criteria:

- Plain royal blue ¼ zip sweatshirt with no branding or logos from professional sports teams
- Plain navy shorts or navy tracksuit bottoms with no branding or logos from professional sports teams
- Suitable trainers, appropriate for use on the 3G, netball courts, in the sports hall and on the field
- Other suitable sports footwear, e.g. football/rugby boots/trainers appropriate for use on the 3G, netball courts in the sports hall and on the field.
- Mouthguard. We strongly advise the wearing of mouth guards (gum shields) for high impact sports lessons for both boys and girls, in particular in rugby and hockey lessons. It is compulsory to wear shin pads in rugby, hockey and football lessons.

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child brings their PE kit to school when needed.

Examples of Trainers NOT allowed



Converse



Vans



Pumps

***Anything that does not have suitable grip and ankle support**

Examples of Boots NOT allowed



Metal Blades



Metal Studs



Examples of Trainers ALLOWED



Examples of Boots ALLOWED



KS4 GCSE PE / Sports Studies Boys and Girls:

If your child is studying a KS4 PE options course, either GCSE PE or Sports Studies, compulsory and optional items stay the same as the KS3 and KS4 Boys/Girls. There are additional optional extras pupils can purchase.

Additional Optional Extras

- Joma ¼ Zip Royal Blue Jumper with embroidered school logo and printed initials on the front and course studied printed on the back
- Joma navy tracksuit bottoms with embroidered school logo and printed initials on the front



Please note: These additional optional extras can only be purchased through SCO Pay in the summer term of each year, ready for September. Sizes will be collated by Mrs Addison-Jones.

PE and School Sport Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

In a case against Lancashire County Council, the Court presiding found that the Authority had breached their Statutory Duty in failing to warn a pupil about the use of mouthguards in Hockey as this is a contact sport. This failure caused the student to have a serious mouth injury whilst not wearing a mouthguard, resulting in the loss of two front teeth. The individual concerned will need non routine dental treatment throughout their life.

Lessons learned for all activities where the Governing body of sport sets recommendations and mandatory requirements relating to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The wearing of PPE will not guarantee protection from injury. It can though, in many cases, **mitigate** the severity of injury by reducing a high-risk situation to one of reasonable or acceptable risk.

It is a **parental responsibility** to provide PPE where the school has suggested it. However, where the amount and cost of kit is extensive, such as that for a hockey goalkeeper, or for reasons of convenience, such as cricket helmets and batting pads/gloves, then schools often provide equipment for communal use.

Staff cannot exclude pupils from taking part on the basis that they do not have the correct PPE. In such cases the member of staff in charge will establish a **safe playing environment**, and adaptations will need to be made in terms of how pupils without the required PPE take part in the practical aspects of the lesson.

Table: National Governing Body recommendations and mandatory requirements relating to PPE for sports pupils may be taking part in. The sports listed below may be taught whilst your child is at St Mary's.

Governing Body of Sport	PPE Requirements
England and Wales Cricket Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helmets with a face guard, pads, gloves and, for pupils, an abdominal protector (box) are mandatory when batting against a hard ball.
England Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mouth guards and shin/ankle pads are recommended at all levels of participation.• Specialist protection for goalkeepers is mandatory.
Football Association (England)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shin pads are mandatory in practice and training at all levels of participation.
Rugby League	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mouth guards are recommended.• Shoulder pads are permitted at all levels of participation.• Padded helmets are permitted.• Glasses should not be worn beyond the under-eight age band.
Futsal (The FA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All players, including the goalkeeper, are recommended to wear shin pads.

Within PE at St Mary's:

Due to these requirements as set out by Lancashire County Council, the following PPE is either recommended or compulsory in certain PE lessons, fixtures and extra-curricular activities.

- We **highly recommend** the wearing of mouth guards (gum shields) for high impact sports lessons for both boys and girls, in particular in Rugby and Hockey lessons.
- Shin pads are **compulsory** for both boys and girls in KS3 and KS4. These will be required for sports such as football. Pupils should ensure they have these in their PE bag every lesson to ensure they are available as and when needed.

As we highly recommend mouth guards, if pupils choose not to wear them, they will still be allowed to play. However, please be aware that the school accepts no liability for injuries sustained as a result of not wearing a mouth guard.

School Supplier – Official Kit

JOMA Boys Compulsory Package

		
Winner Royal / Navy T-Shirt	Navy Shorts (Long)	Navy Socks
£12.50 / £15.25	No badge - £5.50 / £6.50	£4.50 / £5.25




The cost for the bundle would be a 10% discount on the original price, therefore the costings will be as follows:

- Boys Compulsory (No Badge on Shorts) - £22.50 (All Junior Sizes) - £27 (All Adult Sizes)
- £20.25 / £24.30 with bundle discount



Girls must select one of the compulsory package bundles

JOMA Girls Compulsory Package 1

		
Winner Royal / Navy T-Shirt	Ladies fit Navy Shorts (Short)	Navy Socks
£12.50 / £15.25	No badge - £5.50 / £6.50	£4.50 / £5.25




The cost for the bundle would be a 10% discount on the original price, therefore the costings will be as follows:

- Girls Compulsory 2 (No Badge on Shorts) - £22.50 (All Junior Sizes) - £27 (All Adult Sizes)
- £20.25 / £24.30 with bundle discount



OR

JOMA Girls Compulsory Package 2

	 <p>(Please note sizing advice: Recommended to get larger size due to length)</p>	
Winner Royal / Navy T-Shirt	Navy Skort	Navy Socks
£12.50 / £15.25	£17.50 / £21.25	£4.50 / £5.25

The cost for the bundle would be a 10% discount on the original price, therefore the costings will be as follows:

- Girls Compulsory (No Badge on Skorts) - £34.50 (All Junior Sizes) - £41.75 (All Adult Sizes)
- £31.05 / £37.58 with bundle discount



JOMA Optional Items



Unisex Navy Elba Pants

No badge - £16.50 /
£19.95



Navy Sports Leggings

No badge - £16.25 /
£19.50



Royal ¼ Zip Jumper

£17.50 / £21.25



JOMA Individual purchases

			
Winner Royal/Navy T-Shirt	Royal 1/4 Zip Jumper	Navy Socks	Navy Shorts (Long)
£12.50 / £15.25	£17.50 / £21.25	£4.50 / £5.25	No badge - £5.50 / £6.50

			
(Please note sizing advice: Recommended to get larger size due to length)		Ladies fit	
Navy Skort	Unisex Navy Elba Pants	Navy Shorts (Short)	Navy Sports Leggings
No badge – £17.50 / £21.25	No badge - £16.50 / £19.95	No badge - £5.50 / £6.50	No badge - £16.25 / £19.50