



**St Mary's Catholic  
Primary School,  
Wingate**

**Uniform Policy**

*"You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky."*

*Philippians 2:45*

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## **St Mary's Catholic Primary School Uniform Policy**

St. Mary's Primary School offers a distinctive Catholic education within a caring, welcoming, Christian community, where everyone can feel valued, confident, and secure; and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. We believe that each person is unique, talented, and loved by God. All pupils should be given opportunities to "shine."

By working in partnership with parents, parish, and the community, we aim to create a challenging, stimulating and effective learning environment, where Christ is our inspiration.

### **Guidance**

The school has used the DfE guidance on school uniform in the setting of this policy.

*'School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department of Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. We also encourage schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and makeup.'*

All students are expected to wear school uniform at all times, either with or without our school logo. It is designed to be comfortable, attractive and practical. We believe having a school uniform avoids competitive dressing and helps to set the tone of the school. Uniform is a key aspect of creating a purposeful learning environment to allow students to work and realise their full potential.

As parents and carers, we would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that high standards are reached. When purchasing new shoes, skirts or trousers please ensure that they conform to school policy.

### **Aims and Objectives**

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform Providers, in accordance with the preceding principles, school uniform items containing the school logo can only be purchased from the school's nominated provider.

The school's nominated provider is Uniform Supplies Ltd, Thornley Station Industrial Estate, Shotton Colliery: <https://uniform-supplies.co.uk/collections/st-marys-catholic-primary-school> or <https://www.facebook.com/Uniformsuppliesuk>

### **School Uniform Requirements**

- Dark blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- White shirt / blouse or white polo shirt
- Black school shoes with flat heels, not trainers
- Grey shorts or long trousers
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- Summer dress – pale blue and white check.
- In extreme weather, wellington boots can be worn. Children are asked to bring a change of shoes.
- **We ask that all uniform, coats, PE kits etc. are labelled with your child's name.**

### **PE Requirements**

- Navy / Black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt (available with logo from supplier)
- Black plimsolls (or trainers if outdoor PE)

If outdoors:

- Plain white t-shirt (as above)
- Joggers – plain, either navy or black
- Hoody or tracksuit top, plain, either navy or black

In Key Stage 2 children will attend swimming lessons. For this, the following rules should be adhered to:

- No bikinis - girls to wear full swimming costume.
- Shorts must be above the knee (to allow for movement);
- Hair must be tied up;
- Watches must be removed before entering the pool.

**Please do not be convinced by your child that other items are acceptable for school. Your child's teacher or the Senior Staff will always be willing to advise you if you are unsure of any item of school clothing.**

- Fashion statements with regards to pupils' appearance is unacceptable (if in doubt, please contact the school before any decisions are made)
- Jewellery is not permitted in school, except a wristwatch
- Parents are strongly encouraged to wait until the 6 weeks holidays if they want to get their child's ears pierced. Covering recently pierced ears with an Elastoplast is not acceptable
- Although the school supports the work of many charity organisations, charity bands will be classed as bracelets and therefore not allowed

- Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, shaved heads, extreme patterns / v styles, or unnatural dyed colours are also not allowed. Hair should be no shorter than a shaver grade 2
- We reserve the right to determine what is a reasonable style or colour of hair and to insist that pupils with inappropriate hairstyles have them restyled or coloured or be isolated from their peers until their hair is acceptable.
- Make-up is not allowed for pupils.

Pupils who do not adhere to the school uniform policy will be treated in line within our published sanctions on our Behaviour Management Policy. The school is happy to support the purchase of children's uniform. Parents who feel this is appropriate are asked to request a financial assistance form from the school office.

The school may grant special dispensation on the basis of a temporary medical need and will refer all other requests for special dispensation to the governing body.