



The St Mary's Standard

READY • RESPECTFUL • SAFE



Our three school rules are simple and apply to everyone, everywhere. What we walk past, we accept. We therefore teach, model, notice and follow up our expectations consistently.

READY

- On time and ready to learn
- Correct uniform and equipment
- Listening and following routines
- Giving our best effort

RESPECTFUL

- Kind words and actions
- Good manners
- Respect for adults, pupils and property
- Pride in our school

SAFE

- Following instructions
- Moving calmly around school
- Keeping hands, feet and objects safe
- Making safe choices

100% ready for the day

Every child should arrive at St. Mary's ready to learn. This means being on time, wearing the correct uniform, having what they need and being ready to follow our routines and expectations from the moment they enter school.

Our uniform standard

- School jumper or cardigan and light blue polo shirt.
 - Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore; grey shorts or a light blue checked school dress in summer.
 - Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers with no coloured logos or markings.
 - White or grey socks, or black/grey tights.
 - Correct PE kit: plain blue sport T-shirt, plain blue shorts, navy/school hoody, plain blue tracksuit bottoms and trainers. **No cycling shorts.**
 - No jewellery, - Where an ear piercing needs to be kept open, a clear, discreet piercing retainer may be worn in place of an earring. A wristwatch for telling the time may be worn; smart watches are not permitted.
 - No make-up, nail varnish or false nails.
 - Hair should be appropriate for school; no decorative patterns, tram lines or coloured/dyed hair. Long hair should be tied back.
 - Leggings, jeggings, jeans and Lycra skirts are NOT school uniform
- Please do not hesitate to speak with SLT or Mrs. S. Smith, our business manager, for any support needed with uniform purchases.**

Behaviour and belonging

We give first attention to children doing the right thing. Positive behaviour is recognised through praise, recognition boards, house points, awards, positive messages home and Headteacher recognition, including hot chocolate for Star of the Week.

Where a child does not meet the St. Mary's Standard, adults will respond calmly and consistently using our staged behaviour system. We will always seek to understand barriers, work with families and make reasonable adjustments

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where required. Knowingly and persistently refusing to follow school expectations may be addressed through the Behaviour for Learning Policy.

ATTENDANCE: EVERYDAY COUNTS

Being in school every day and arriving on time gives children the best chance to learn, build friendships and succeed. Missing school means missing learning that is difficult to replace.

Attendance	Approx. days missed	Learning impact
100%	0 days	Every opportunity to learn
97%	About 6 days	A strong attendance pattern
95%	About 10 days	Around 2 school weeks missed
90%	About 19 days	Around 4 school weeks missed
80%	About 38 days	Around 7½ school weeks missed

Our attendance expectations

- Children attend school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend.
- Children arrive on time, ready to enter school calmly and begin learning.
- Appointments are arranged outside school hours wherever possible.
- Holidays are not taken during term time.
- Parents and carers contact school promptly when a child is absent.
- Families work with school when attendance becomes a concern.

EVERY DAY - ON TIME - 100% READY FOR THE DAY.

We understand that children can be unwell and that some families face exceptional circumstances. Please speak to us early if you need support. Working together makes the greatest difference.

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