



Uniform Policy

St Mary's Church of England (A) Primary School keeps children safe by ensuring and promoting the safeguarding and welfare of all children in its care: all policies support the most current "Keeping Children Safe in Education Guidance" and "Safeguarding Policy", are fully consistent with the "Every Child Matters" agenda, and fully support the principles of equal opportunities for all.

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events, outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. All items of uniform must be clearly named.

Some items of uniform can be ordered via our school office. Please ask the school office – 01630 672126.

A complete list of uniform is also written within the 'Parent and Carer Handbook' and can be found on the school website.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging
- identifies the children with the school
- supports our commitment to inclusion
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak to the Headteacher to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Board supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

After School Clubs

We request children wear their school uniform for all after school clubs, where this is practicable, ie. Church club and indoor clubs. For outdoor or sporting after school clubs we ask that your child has their full PE into school. There will be an opportunity for them to change at the end of the school day. If a club (such as gardening or pond club) requires additional items of clothing ie, wellingtons and waterproof coats, children may bring them into school and wear them with their PE uniform.

Jewellery, Large Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. Ear piercing must be done at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that ears are fully healed – earrings are not permitted. Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches/glass fronted watches or watches that link to devices and mobile phones are not permitted in school.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be small in size and plain and matching school colours (blue and white). Over- sized bows are not permitted and highly decorated headbands are not permitted. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. The school will ask for the pupil to remove the nail varnish with nail varnish remover provided, if worn to school. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns or 'tram lines' cut into their hair or have their hair coloured or dyed. Long hair must be tied or fastened back for health and safety reasons.

Monitoring and Review

The governing board monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through:-

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform

In the event of children being sent to school with incorrect or inappropriate school uniform (the school reserving the right to judge on matters of appropriateness) the following process will follow.

1st infringement – A polite reminder from the class teacher

2nd infringement – A reminder from the Headteacher to adhere to the school uniform policy

3rd infringement – A formal meeting with the Headteacher and a member of the Governing board

School Uniform List and Appearance Regulations

Our school uniform colour is a combination of navy and grey. Most items can be purchased from high street shops. Jumpers and cardigans with logos, ties, school coats and book bags can be ordered via the school office.

Mrs Sarah Goodwin office@st-marys-mucklestone.staffs.sch.uk

Uniform Reception to Year 6 for girls:

- Grey skirt/pinafore dress/skorts/trousers or **pale blue and white** checked dress for the summer term only
- Long sleeved white blouse with a stiffened collar and school tie (short sleeved in the summer term)
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan with St Mary's logo
- Plain white or grey ankle or knee length socks
- Grey woollen tights
- Black school shoes – shoes must be plain, flat, sensible shoes. Wellingtons and boots may only be worn to and from school in bad weather and your child will then change into their school shoes for indoor use. Black or navy sandals with socks summer term only
- A school coat or fleece or plain, dark coloured coats

Uniform Reception to Year 6 for boys:

- Grey shorts or trousers
- Long sleeved white shirt with a stiffened collar and school tie (short sleeved in the summer term)
- Navy blue jumper with St Mary's logo
- Black school shoes (not trainers) – should must be plain, flat and sensible.
Wellingtons and boots may only be worn to and from school in bad weather and your child will then change into their school shoes for indoor use. Black or navy sandals with socks, summer term only
- Black or grey socks

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a named draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

Girls and boys wear:

- Navy shorts
- Plain white polo shirt with a collar
- A pair of black or white trainers
- A navy tracksuit for outdoor lessons in cold weather

There will be a termly second hand reasonably priced uniform sale outside school at the end of a school day. This will be run by the PTFA.

C. Hill

Headteacher