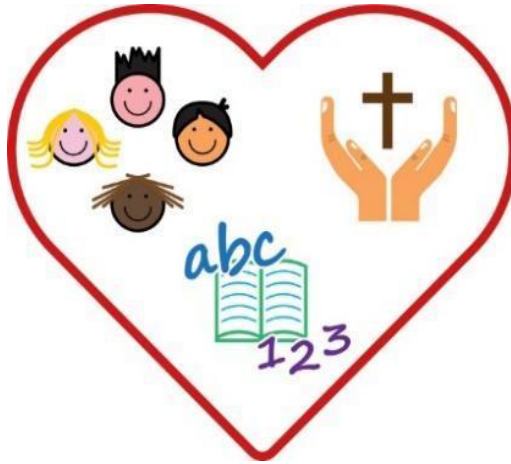


ST. MATTHEW'S C.E. PRIMARY ACADEMY



Uniform Policy

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St Matthew's Church of England Primary Academy – Uniform Policy

Mission Statement:

St. Matthew's C.E. Primary Academy is dedicated to providing an education which enables every child to fulfil their best potential. It seeks to promote academic, emotional and spiritual growth in a Christian environment, welcoming children drawn from diverse cultures.

Vision Statement:

Inspired by Jesus' words (Matthew 5: 1-12), we strive to promote academic, emotional and spiritual growth in a Christian environment for all members of our school family.

We can all '**Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...**'

Introduction

All children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 are expected to wear school uniform, we want this to be an outward expression of pride at being a member of the St Matthew's school family.

Our uniform has been chosen so that it is reasonably inexpensive to buy and easy to obtain; we are extremely mindful of the cost of uniform. The only item we ask to have the school logo on is the school jumper / cardigan and are available from one of the two suppliers listed at the bottom of the page. All other items can be sourced from wherever parents are able to.

We want our children to look smart and to wear their uniform with pride. A high standard of appearance is usually an indication of good discipline, self-awareness and responsibility. These are points which we believe it is important to emphasise to our children

Our uniform consists of:

- A red school jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress with grey or black tights or white or grey socks
- Black school shoes
- White shirt/ polo shirt
- Hijabs (if worn) plain black, just below shoulders and no decoration

Health & Safety

For safety reasons, only stud earrings to be worn (only if children are able to remove them by themselves) no necklaces or bracelets. We strongly recommend that no earrings are worn and that any piercings which take place are done at the very beginning of the school summer holidays to allow time for healing.

Watches may be worn, but the school cannot accept responsibility for any damage or loss that may occur. During P.E. or games lessons, watches **must** be removed.

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Hair:

We do not permit 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. We like our children to look smart at all times so please avoid extreme hair cuts such as lines, patterns or colours.

Hijabs - plain black and shoulder length only. No decorations.

We do recognise that in some cultures, hair styles have great significance and, following representation from pupils, we adopted the Halo Code in recognition of this. See here for further details <https://halocollective.co.uk/halo-school/>. Please see below for requirements during PE activities.

Regardless of gender, all long hair (longer than shoulder length) should be tied back.

In summer:

- Checked red dress
- Shorts - smart, grey or black. Not sports/leisure shorts.

In PE:

- Plain red or white t-shirt (logo optional)
- Black shorts or leggings
- Black PE Pump/ plain trainers
- Hijab's should, if possible, be removed. Or a tight fitting sports black hijab can be worn.

Footwear:

We want children to grow into healthy adults and we believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels so we do not allow such shoes in our school. Trainers are also not appropriate for uniform and should only be worn for outdoor PE lessons.

Parents are asked to avoid sending large bags into school, we strongly advise the use of a 'traditional' drawstring bag for PE kit and a book bag for reading books / homework etc. Junior children may bring a small rucksack style bag but we reserve the right to send home bags which are too large to accommodate in our cloakroom areas.

Children in the Early Years are asked to bring their own wellies for use during outdoor provision.

The Role of Parents:

We ask that all parents who send their children to our school support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

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The role of Governors:

The Local Governing Body (LGC) supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical as well as being good value for money.

Monitoring and review:

This policy will be reviewed every three years.

As part of the review, the views of children, parents and staff will be taken into consideration.