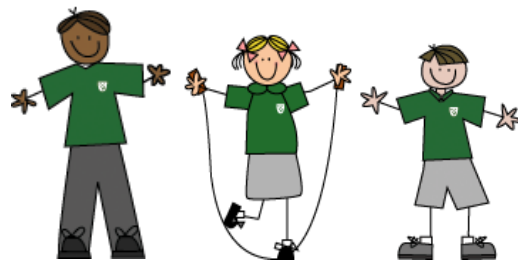




St Mary's C Of E Uniform Policy 2022/2023



Learning to Love, Loving to Learn

Reviewed September 2022

Presented to Governors:

Creating a happy, healthy and honest school,
where everyone feels secure and valued.
Providing excellent teaching and learning
opportunities
which develop independent, confident and resilient
life long
learners who can think for themselves.
Celebrating and supporting all children
to unlock and fulfil their unique potential.
Preparing children to contribute to society
with wisdom, hope, tolerance and dignity.
Living by our school values of Love; Honesty;
Courage;
Compassion; Determination and Respect.

Our vision is to inspire and grow a
compassionate community of excellence.
A happy place for our children to shine for God,
for each other, and for themselves.

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1. Rationale:

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside school, unless stated at the time of arranging the visit.

2. Aims and Objectives:

Our policy is based on the view that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes can be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with the health and safety of the children in mind.

3. School Uniform

Children are expected to wear school uniform every day. This consists of:

- Green sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Grey or white socks, green or grey tights
- Black school shoes – We recommend velcro strips for the younger children for ease of getting changed for PE.
- During the summer term, an optional green or yellow gingham dress or grey shorts.

For P.E. lessons

- Trainers (no pumps)
- White T-shirt (not sleeveless)
- Black shorts
- Legging/jogging pants (for outdoor PE)
- Sweatshirt (for outdoor PE)
- A drawstring bag to keep kit in.
- No football strips

School sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, book bags and PE bags can be ordered on line. Please do this before we break up for summer. We often have a small supply of spares which can be bought from the school office throughout the year.

Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, please remember to label shoes too.

From Easter through to October half term, children can wear the summer uniform – shorts and yellow / green gingham dresses. For safety reasons we do not allow flip flops or any strappy sandals.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school for safety reasons. One pair of stud earrings and a watch are allowed. Children must be able to remove these objects themselves before PE sessions, or cover the earrings with Micropore tape, which the school will provide.

Hair bobbles should be unobtrusive. Children's hair should not have extreme shaving patterns or coloured dye.

Nail varnish is not permitted.

Cosmetics - Children should not wear any type of cosmetics, make up, false nails, 'fake' tattoos or nail polish in school. We would also ask that any perfumed toiletry products used (e.g. perfumed deodorants) are kept to a minimum in consideration of other children who may have allergies. Children coming to school in nail varnish may be asked to remove this and nail varnish remover and cotton wool will be provided.

There is no expectation that parents buy new uniform or uniform that has the school logo on.

3. Parental Role

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy for a particular reason they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests on an individual basis. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. It is the parent or carer's responsibility to ensure the children wear/bring to school only items which are appropriate; the school cannot take responsibility for losses or breakages to any items except in extreme circumstances.