



UNIFORM POLICY

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Mission Statement

LEARNING TO LIVE OUT OUR CALLING WITH
COMPASSION AND LOVE

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Introduction

At St. Mary's School, children wear a uniform because we believe that a uniform looks smart, wears well and contributes to a feeling of belonging to the school. Wearing a smart and appropriate uniform meets the needs of the three keys elements of our behaviour policy – to be respectful (in our manner and appearance), to be ready (in being well prepared and organised for the school day) and to be safe (in wearing appropriate clothing)

Our Uniform policy has been written following the guidance set out in the DFE 'Guidance School Uniform document November 2021' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms> (developing School Uniform Policy latest update 7th November 2025) This policy will be reviewed annually.

In summary, St Mary's School Uniform consists of, Royal blue jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodie and sweatshirts with the school badge embroidered on the front are available from Smart School Uniform, Clive Mark and the school office. (see the appendix for visual list of the school uniform)

All uniforms should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Earrings, jewellery and make up

- Earrings are not to be worn at any time, this is for safety reasons. Plasters covering earrings are not acceptable alternative.
- Parents should also ensure that their children do not wear any other jewellery, as the school cannot accept responsibility for loss of watches or other jewellery.
- No make-up, including nail varnish, should be worn.

Hair Styles

- Fashion hairstyles are not permitted nor are the use of hair gel or hair dye (highlights or lowlights).
- Fashion hairstyles not permitted include tram lines (including ones on the parting), spikes, widely differing lengths of hair, hair braids and hair accessories such as feathers. Fashion braids are not permitted.
- Cultural braiding may be considered upon application to the Headteacher.
- Hair should not be cut shorter than a Grade 3 anywhere on the head or be greatly different in length to the rest of the hair.
- Long hair must be tied back (hair that touches the collar is considered to be long). Hair bobbles or bands should be plain blue, grey or black and not glittery or fancy
- Fringes that fall over the child's eyes must be pinned back

Academy representatives reserve the right to ask pupils and parents who do not follow the School Uniform Policy to do so. They also reserve the right to impose sanctions where a refusal is made. Any appeals regarding the uniform/dress code will be referred to the Local Academy Committee whose determination is final.

Standard Uniform EYFS (Nursery & Reception Classes)

- Royal blue **round necked sweatshirt or cardigan** with school logo
- Pale blue **polo shirt**
- No tie
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or grey trousers.
- Sensible plain black school shoes – no heels higher than 4cm inclusive of any platform Boots are not allowed.
- Grey socks or tights

Standard Uniform KS1 (Years 1&2) and KS2 (Years 3,4,5&6)

- Royal blue **V-neck jumper** or cardigan with school logo
- Pale blue **shirt** (short or long sleeved)
- School tie
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or grey trousers
- Sensible plain black school shoes – no heels higher than 4cm inclusive of any platform. Boots are not allowed.
- Grey socks or tights

Summer Uniform all year groups

- Blue and white checked gingham fabric style dress can be worn as an alternative to the Grey skirt/pinafore dress. White socks should be worn when wearing the dress.
- Grey short trousers can be worn as an alternative to long trousers

PE KIT

P.E. Kit is required from in Years Reception, 1 to 6. The kit needs to be labelled and kept in a drawstring P.E. bag.

- School PE top
- Black or navy shorts
- Joggers (navy blue for winter)

- School PE hoodie
- Outdoor Trainers, preferably black

Swimming Kit for KS2 Only (Year 3 to 6)

- A one piece swimming costume (blue/ black) for the girls
- Traditional swimming trunks for the boys (not shorts, Bermuda shorts or cycling shorts)
- A swimming hat must be worn by **all** children, boys and girls
- A large towel (marked with the child's name)
- An appropriate swimming bag to carry kit in

Equipment

- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Head teacher.
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school under any circumstances.
- No medicine should ever be brought to school by a child.
- No 'swap' cards or toys should be brought unless there has been permission given for a specific purpose e.g. special boxes.
- No inappropriate books, videos or magazines are allowed in school.
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose. In this case, it should be in a named envelope or named purse.
- Bags to carry belongings should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited. Smart School Uniform sells royal blue book bags with the school logo on.

Roles of the Adults in School

The role of the School Staff is to set a good example in terms of dress

Role of the Head Teacher and Academy Representatives:

The Head Teacher is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy as agreed by the Academy Representatives.

The Academy Representatives should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform. They should handle it respectfully, considering fully

the issues raised. Academy representatives should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

The school will follow the DfES guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the uniform policy unless this failure is consistent.

Parents and Carers

Parents / Carers are to ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy and come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund raising.

Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes following the school's complaints procedure

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

St. Mary's Catholic Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

The school office does house a selection of pre-loved uniform. Please ask a member of the school office team or our Family Support Worker (FSW) for any of your requirements.

POLICY REVIEWED: May 2025

DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: May 2026

CHAIR OF THE GOVERNOING BODY: Mrs J Kirkham

HEAD TEACHER: Mrs D Mellor

Appendix 1

St Mary's School Uniform Items



Polo T-shirt
NURSERY AND
RECEPTION ONLY



Blue Shirt



Cardigan



V-Neck Jumper



PE Top
Reception to Year 6



PE Jumper
Reception to Year 6



Navy Joggers
For PE in winter



Black Or Navy PE Shorts



School Tie
Year 1 to Year 6



**Black or navy
swimming costume**
KS2 (Year3-6 only)



Book Bag



Swimming Trunks
KS2 (Year 3- 6 only)



**PE Drawstring
Bag/ Nursery for
spare clothes**



Swimming Hat
KS2 (Year 3- 6 Only)

