



UNIFORM POLICY

**Uniform Policy
for
St Mary's C.E. Primary School**

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St Mary's CE School Uniform Policy

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in this policy.

Our policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride and excellence in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes/shoes that could be distracting to learning;
- helps children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents.

Our Governing Body has given due diligence and consideration to the DfE's Cost of School Uniform guidance in developing and implementing this School Uniform policy. There are only four items with the school's logo in our uniform (identified below)

Our school uniform is as follows:

Winter	<p>Grey tailored trousers / grey tailored shorts Grey pinafore / skirt St Mary's royal blue or white polo shirt (school logo) - please ensure your child does not wear a plain t-shirt or polo shirt. St Mary's royal blue jumper or cardigan (school logo) Grey or plain white tights/socks (no trainer socks) Royal blue, navy or white hair bands only Black or navy-blue school shoes – please note black trainers or boots are not permitted for every day wear A dark coloured coat</p>
Summer	<p>Grey tailored school shorts St Mary's royal blue or white polo shirt- please ensure your child does not wear a plain t-shirt (school logo) St Mary's Royal Blue jumper or cardigan (school logo) Light blue checked school summer dress with short sleeves (no culotte sets or play suits permitted) Royal blue, navy or white hair bands only Black or navy-blue school shoes - please note black trainers or boots are not permitted for every day wear. Summer sandals can only be worn if they cover toes and are school colours.</p>
PE kit	<p>Our school PE kit will be worn for full school days on the days that the children have their lessons: Royal blue St Mary's PE t-shirt (school logo) Navy-blue St Mary's over-top not a navy-blue hoody (school logo) Plain navy-blue shorts / PE skirt Plain navy-blue track suit bottoms / running leggings White sports socks Plain royal blue knee socks (Years 2 – 6 only when shorts worn) Black, navy or white plain trainers</p>
Additional items	<p>St Mary's royal blue logo book bag (Reception - Year 2) St Mary's royal blue logo rucksack (Years 3-6 only - optional)</p>

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Watches are permitted in the junior classes, worn at the pupil's own risk.

Hair colouring is not permitted in school and shoulder length/long hair should be tied back with clips or hair scrunchies in navy royal blue, navy blue or white (boys and girls).

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels or open toes, so these are not permitted. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school unless it is their nominated PE day; this footwear is appropriate for sports or playtime, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We ask that all children wear shoes (not boots) as stated in the uniform list. Boots may be worn to and from school but pupils must change into shoes for the school day.

In order to avoid confusion and to keep lost property to a minimum, all items of clothing, P.E. kit, bags etc. MUST be clearly named, before being brought into the school.

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to 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, and that it is clean and in good repair.

St Mary's assists parents with school uniform where families struggle. Parents regularly supply the 'Friends of St Mary's' (PTA) with good quality, second-hand uniforms, showing their compassion for those in less fortunate positions.

When it falls upon the teachers to "police" student uniform conformity, valuable class-time is wasted for all pupils, therefore, as the primary and first authority please evaluate your children's attire as they leave for school each day, we ask that you do your best to reinforce these guidelines.

To maintain consistency, the majority of the items are available to buy through our local supplier:

Stevensons - 1 – 15 Heath Road, TW1 4DB
Tel: 020 88922201 / www.stevensons.co.uk

There will be regular sales throughout the year of second-hand uniform, organised by St Mary's Uniform Organisers (SMUO), with all the proceeds going to FOSM, with the full support of the school.

Equal Opportunities

St Mary's positively celebrates diversity and inclusion is core to its Christian ethos. The Governing Body recognises that no one should receive less favourable unlawful treatment than another on the grounds of gender, marital or civil partnership status, colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, disability, religious beliefs, age, or sexual orientation. It is the Governors' aim that no-one at the School should suffer unlawful direct or indirect discrimination, victimisation or harassment on any of these grounds. The Governing Body is committed to embedding fairness and equality at the heart of the school community, and in all aspects of the school's policies, procedures and practices.