



St. Andrew's
Church of England Primary School



School Uniform Policy

Spring 2023

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We believe that every person in our school community should flourish and broaden their horizons. Therefore, it is the element of 'enrichment' that defines our school; we are a church school that endeavours to provide the widest of opportunities for all.

Within our caring and nurturing environment and guided by our shared Christian values, we aim to ensure that all voices in our school family can be heard and all are engaged in learning that develops and challenges them, excites their imagination and provides an opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We see everyone and everything as valued in the eyes of God and recognise that all the members of our family are individuals as we work together towards a society of mutual respect, compassion and justice.

Even the smallest person can change the course of the future." JRR Tolkien

1. Introduction

1.1 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 our school prospectus.

2. Aims and Objectives

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes 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;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Human Rights Act and Equalities Duties

The Governing Body will consider implications of the Human Rights Act when setting its policy for uniform. It should be considerate of the needs of different cultures, races and religions. When accommodating religious requirements, the Governing Body will ensure these do not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the school community. The policy will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation or belief.

4. Sourcing the Uniform

The Governing Body will be responsible for ensuring the Uniform sourced provides value for money and the cost of uniform does not preclude admission to the school.

5. Consultation

Parents will be consulted with regard to the any change to uniform in the autumn term prior to implementation of changes in the following autumn term. Changes in uniform policy will be communicated in the summer term at the latest.

6. Communication of the Policy

The policy will be communicated on the school website and this will be given to all parents on induction to the school.

The uniform as listed will also be communicated every term in the school newsletter as a reminder of expectations to all parents.

6. School Uniform

Boys & Girls Y1 to Y6

- dark blue jumper or cardigan (preferably with school logo)
- white shirt
- school tie (elasticated or standard)
- grey/black trousers or shorts or skirt/skort or pinafore dresses
- black sensible flat shoes
- blue gingham print dresses

Boys & Girls Y1 to Y6 – PE/Games

- school PE shirt
- dark blue or black shorts or school skirt/skort
- dark blue/black jogging bottoms/leggings for outdoor use
- training shoes for outdoor use

Boys & Girls EYFS

- dark blue jumper or cardigan (preferably with school logo)
- school jade polo shirt
- dark blue/black jogging bottoms or leggings
- sensible shoes/training shoes

7 PE days

It has been agreed that children may attend school, on days that PE is identified on their class timetable, wearing their PE kits (see above). While a small branded logo is acceptable, non branded or school branded clothing is preferable.

8 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. We would always recommend that ears are not pierced during term time and we will always ask the children to remove earrings during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Smart watches that include phones or cameras are not allowed in schools.

9 General Appearance

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Children should not come to school wearing make-up or nail varnish.

10 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

11 The role of parents

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.

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.

12 The role of governors

The Governing Body 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 hardwearing, safe and practical.