

St.James' CofE Primary School



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should 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 within this policy. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear.

We respectfully request that before purchasing any item that is not specifically listed that you check with school to ensure suitability. It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe a strict adherence to our uniform policy helps.

Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school:
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging:
- supports positive behaviour and discipline:
- is practical and smart:
- identifies the children with the school, and encourages identity with the school:
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance:
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition:
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly, adhering to the guidance set out by the Department for Education (September 2013) It is the governors' responsibility to ensure the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing and practical.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. If there is a medical reason for non-compliance this needs to be supported by a doctor's note or consultants advice. This is to remove inconsistencies in this policies application

Sanctions for non-compliance

If a child attends school without due regard to this policy, informal contact will be made to discuss the matter. Failure to correct the situation will result in a formal letter from school outlining their position, drawing attention to the areas of concern. We do not wish to cause conflict with families as we believe in working together to achieve better outcomes for children. We do however view the adherence to school uniform as an essential aspect of attending our school.

If a child wilfully disregards the school uniform policy despite parental instruction the school will sanction the child in accordance with the school behaviour policy.

School reserves the right, in line with DfE guidance, to exclude the child from school for persistent disregard.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is the wearing of small plain stud earrings

Hair Styles

The school does not permit children to have Extreme Haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or to wear hair gel.

Parents should also be aware that hair braids with beads, tattoos, nail varnish or any other form of make-up are not permitted.

Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Long hair should be tied up and ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style and only in the school colours of Royal Blue and Red.

Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2' and should not have 'fashion' markings shaved into it (e.g. tram-lines).

Footwear

Children should wear black shoes to school (not trainers). We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals, or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Our school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity, any variation to this should be discussed with the Headteacher and evidence for such exception should be given.

The St James' CofE Primary School uniform can be purchased from the school supplier (Moses, Drake Street, Rochdale). In order to be consistent with colours and school logo the only official supplier of our uniform is Moses. All articles of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name:-

Uniform

EYFS and KS1

- Navy Blue round neck Sweatshirt or cardigan **with school logo**
- White polo shirt
- Grey school trousers , skirt or pinafore
- Optional choice to wear KS2 uniform (shirt & tie).

KS2

- Navy blue v neck sweat shirt or cardigan **with school logo**
- White collared shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

All children

- Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style and only in the school colours of navy blue or black
- Reception through to Year 4 should have a school book bag (available from the school office)

PE

- Plain white PE shirt
- Navy Blue PE shorts (no logo)
- Black plimsolls for indoor use
- Trainers for outdoor use
- Navy blue PE bag with school logo (available from the school office)
- In winter months, we may request more specific outdoor kit. The sports teachers will communicate this as necessary

Swimming (KS2)

- Above the knee swimming trunks/shorts (boys)
- One piece swimming costume (girls)
- Towel
- Hairbrush or comb
- Goggles if required
- Plain swimming hats, as appropriate

Extreme Weather

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied to children before they arrive at school on hot summer days.

Boots and sufficiently warm waterproof coats should be provided in extremely wet or snowy weather along with a pair of shoes to change into when they arrive at school.

As outdoor play is a vital part of the Early Years curriculum, the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage should be dressed appropriately for all kinds of weather. Although we have shelters, it is important to provide an appropriate raincoat for wet and cold days. Wellingtons should be sent in to allow children to access the outdoor provision in wetter weather.

Lost Property

In order to return lost property, all uniform, including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.