

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Inspiring Children to love
Learning and live in the
Light of Christ

Uniform Policy

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Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity, which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school and it enhances security. The uniform has been chosen following consultation with children, governors, parents and staff. It reflects the needs of the cultural traditions represented at our school.

At St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, we believe that a school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might 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 health and safety in mind.

Our Uniform Policy is non-negotiable and we expect the full support of parents in helping us ensure every child at St Mary's is smart and proud to be a part of our school family.

When children are on visits and representing our school – we always receive compliments on the behaviour and attitude of pupils. We now want to also show how smart and proud our children are to be members of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School.

All children wear school uniform. The jumper and polo shirt ideally should be personalised for St. Mary's. These items are available to buy at Andrew Hyde School Wear, although skirts, trousers and other items can be bought at any reputable shop. Although we prefer items with the school badge, we will accept plain ones as long as the shade of colour is the same. (e.g. Navy blue jumpers).

A selection of good quality recycled items are available for a small donation at the school office.

Winter and Summer Uniform

Winter	Grey trousers White shirt School v-neck sweatshirt Grey socks Black shoes (not trainers or boots)	Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers White blouse School cardigan or v-neck sweatshirt Grey socks or tights Black shoes (not trainers or boots)
Summer	Grey trousers or grey trouser shorts White polo shirt School v-neck sweatshirt Grey socks Black shoes (not trainers or boots)	Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers Blue gingham check summer dress White polo shirt School cardigan or v-neck sweatshirt Grey socks or tights Black shoes (not trainers or boots)
PE Kit (to change into at school unless otherwise advised)	white T-shirt Navy blue shorts or track suit bottoms Navy hoodie or sweatshirt School branded hoodie	
<p>All items can be purchased from our school uniform supplier. Andrew Hyde Schoolwear, https://ahyde.co.uk/collections/st-marys-cp-southam for details.</p>		

Footwear

No trainers are allowed as indoor shoes (unless the children have PE on that day), or sport branded shoes and we ask that you **fully** support us in this aspect of the uniform. School shoes should be worn and we ask that they are without a sport logo.



Named Clothing and Belongings

Please ensure your child's clothing and belonging (including hats scarves and lunch bags!) are labelled. Stickers or labels can be added or fabric pens used to label items. It makes it easier for us as a school to return any lost items.

Hair

Hair should be tidy and neat, suitable for school. We request that children do not have **extreme styles** e.g. mohicans, tram lines, patterns, shaved without a guard, chemically coloured or brightly coloured hair extensions.

Long hair should be tied back so that it is tidy.

- Girls and Boys hair below shoulder length to be tied back.
- Hair bobbles and clips should be small and we prefer that they are in the school colours, grey or white
- Large hair pieces are not allowed for health and safety reasons



Please no tram lines.
Save until the Summer holidays so they can
grow out ready for September



No brightly coloured hair/
extensions please!
Unnatural colours and extensive highlighting
are not allowed.

Jewellery and Make-Up

- Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish on fingers or toes while they are at school. If a child comes to school wearing nail varnish they will be asked to remove it.
- Children are not permitted to wear make-up at school, provision will be made in the school office for its removal.
- Children may wear gold or silver stud type earrings – this includes small flat earrings in a shape.
- No other jewellery should be worn in school with the exception of a watch. Watches are not to be expensive such as fit bits in case of getting lost or broken.



Our Uniform policy exists to ensure that pupils look and feel smart and is clear and fair to all pupils. We ask for the support of all members of the school community in its implementation.

For birthdays: Children are invited to come in non-school to mark their birthdays.

Our FOSM (Friends of St Mary's), will on occasions, organise non-uniform days in liaison with the school.