

***St Ann's R.C.  
Primary  
School***

***School Uniform  
Policy***

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### **Our School's Mission Statement**

***'We, the family of St. Ann's, rejoice in our learning; striving for excellence. We challenge ourselves, follow Jesus and empower each other to be the best we can be.'***

***'Motivate, learn, inspire.'***

#### **1. Purpose and aims**

At St. Ann's RC Primary 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. The aim of the school is to have pupils dress with a school identity in a smart, affordable and practical way, which enables all pupils to be seen and therefore treated equally. The school uniform shows that pupils belong to our school community and should be worn with pride.

School Uniform is a requirement for being part of our school and is compulsory for all pupils.

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;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.

We also have a small stock of second hand jumpers / cardigans in our Lost Property. Whilst we cannot guarantee all sizes, we are happy to provide these to families if necessary. Please contact the school office should you require items through this service.

School uses 2 suppliers to provide uniform to our parents. These contracts will be reviewed at least every 5 years.

#### **2. The school uniform**

The uniform policy applies to all children who attend St. Ann's. The uniform consists of:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan [with St Ann's crest](#)
- Royal blue school fleece [with St Ann's crest](#) – are allowed to be worn outside the classroom
- Pale blue polo shirt

- Shoes - plain black patent or leather type shoe with lace, buckle or Velcro fastening (no slip-on shoes or heels)
- Grey skirt / grey pinafore / grey trouser
- Boots – plain black and sensible (no tassels, pom-poms etc)
- Plain grey tights or grey socks

Additionally, children within the EYFS (Reception and Nursery) are asked to have a pair of waterproof trousers / wellingtons available to them for use during outdoor play.

During the Summer term (after the Easter holidays) Winter uniform can still be worn or additionally children may wear:

- Grey shorts (not baggy or combat style)
- Blue Summer dress (no culottes / playsuits / jumpsuits / all in ones)
- Grey or white socks

In addition, children will be expected to wear PE kit when they participate in all PE sessions.

**This is to be worn to school on the designated PE day.** This consists of:

- Royal blue round neck t-shirt [with St Ann's crest](#)
- Plain black leggings / black jogging bottoms / black shorts
- Grey or white socks
- Plain black leggings / black jogging bottoms / black shorts
- Plain black or white PE trainers (no astroturf or football boots)
- Royal blue hoodie [with St. Ann's crest](#) (not compulsory)

### **School bags**

Book bags are available to purchase from the school office.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears (only one stud per ear). We will ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster. Children will be asked to remove any other item of jewellery which will be kept in the school office until the end of the day when it can be collected.

### **Extreme Haircuts**

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

- Hair accessories should be royal blue / white / black - plain, simple and discreet
- Head scarves, for religious reasons, blue or black
- Long hair tied back

### **3. Roles and responsibilities**

#### **The role of parents and carers**

We ask that all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their learning. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. All items must be clearly labelled with a sewn in name tape or all items labelled in permanent ink.

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, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher.

#### **The role of governors**

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

#### **The role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff**

The staff of St. Ann's will ensure that they set a good example in terms of their own dress. They will also remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. If they still are not wearing the uniform they are to be referred to the head teacher.

#### **Role of the head teacher**

The role of the head teacher is to ensure that all pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body. This will mean speaking with children that are referred by members of staff about the expectations of school uniform.