

Uniform Policy



Introduction

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.

The Governing Body has a duty, by statute, to conduct the school in a way to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body. It is felt that the wearing of a school uniform is supportive in carrying out this duty and therefore the wearing of appropriate school uniform is considered as compulsory for all pupils.

Aims and objectives

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone. 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 encourages identity with, and support for, our school ethos
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline
- protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- nurtures cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Above all, the Governing Body of St John's and St Clement's School believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

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 written requests.

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.

School Uniform Details

A detailed list of our school uniform and P.E dress code is available from the school office. All new parents are given this list. This list is also printed in the school brochure. Parents are also given details of where they can purchase our 'logoed' school uniform items. It is impossible to predict the fashion trends and therefore what is acceptable school uniform remains at the headteacher's discretion.

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. **Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.**

Uniform

- School sweat-shirt with the school logo or a navy knitted button-up cardigan (with logo sewn on)
- Grey school shorts or trousers (boys)
- Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts (girls).
- Navy jogging bottoms – for Reception children only.
- White or pale blue school shirt
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Summer dress in blue and white check / stripes

Socks and shoes

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, strappy open toed sandals, slingbacks 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 sensible, smart shoes.

- White or (light / dark) grey socks
- Grey or navy tights
- Sensible, flat black or navy shoes
- Boots are not permitted
- Trainers are not permitted (except for PE and for Reception children)

Coats and hats

- School fleece coat (optional)
- Dark plain school coat with a hood (not leather / leather-look)
- Hair ribbons or bobbles should be navy or white
- School hats only are allowed. Sun hats/woolly hats are available from the school office

For **PE and Games** pupils wear plain navy shorts and House colour T-Shirts plus trainers or plimsolls. For **Swimming** pupils need a swimming costume and towel. Dulwich Baths stipulate hats for both boys and girls and no earrings at all. Boys are not allowed to wear swimming short, only trunks allowed.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small gold or silver earring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and a watch.

Extreme hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes patterns cut into the hair, Mohican styles or artificial colours. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their child wears the correct uniform. All items should be clearly labelled with the child's name. We cannot take responsibility for personal items brought to school.

Complaints

If any complaints about the uniform policy or dress code are received then initial attempts to resolve disputes will be dealt with by the Headteacher but if a satisfactory conclusion is not reached then these complaints will be directed to the Governing Body.