



ST. JAMES' CE FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on is based on government guidance and ensures that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- gives a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- 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 wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

School Uniform

We encourage children to wear school uniform as it helps to foster a sense of belonging to the school.

Grey Long Trousers
Grey Skirt or Pinafore Dress
Blue and White Gingham Dress/ culottes
Grey Shorts
Blue Polo T-Shirt or Pale Blue Polo T-Shirt
Blue School Sweatshirt
Blue School Cardigan
Grey, black or white Socks
Black or Grey Tights
Black smart shoes

Long Hair must be tied back

Please ensure all school shoes are flat and have straps to keep them on the feet.

PE Kit

Blue School T-Shirt or Plain Blue T-Shirt
Shorts – Dark Blue
Pair of trainers
Sports Sweat Shirt – Blue or Black
Sports Bottoms – Blue or Black
Pair of White Socks (If tights are worn)
Hairband/Clips to tie back long hair
Optional School Fleece

We have a new online supplier, PMG, where you can purchase online, sweatshirts, cardigans, PE T-shirts and book bags, all with the St. James' logo.

All uniform can also be purchased affordably from supermarkets or high street retailers. Logo/branded items are not mandatory.

Second hand uniform

The Friends ' of St. James ' are delighted to be able to provide a second hand (nearly new) school uniform stand. This includes PE kits, school shoes and trainers. This is located in the School Office foyer. All items are available for a small donation.

Additional sizes are available and please contact the school office with any requirements. The Friends' of St James' also hold regular second hand uniform sales every half term.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears.

We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a micro pore tape, to prevent them from causing injury.

Extreme Haircuts and Make Up

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

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school at any time by pupils of the school.

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 (unless for exceptional circumstances; 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 black smart shoes as stated in the uniform list.

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. However, we would NOT discriminate against a child or family having financial difficulties in providing uniform. A School Uniform Grant is available annually to parents who qualify and meet the criteria for Free School Meals. The school will give uniform up to the value of £45.00 annually to those who qualify, arranged at the discretion of the Headteacher.

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.

The Role of the Local School Committee (LSC)

The LSC supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

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