



St Mary of Charity Church of England Primary School Uniform Policy

"Feed my lambs....take care of my sheep." John: 21

We are a community where everyone is included. A place of nurture where through creative learning, acceptance and celebration we are all able to flourish. Our inclusive school encourages children to be curious, passionate, ambitious and courageous. Everyone at St Mary of Charity is determined to be confident in who they are, aspire to realise their full potential and support each other through respect, honesty and forgiveness. Guided by Jesus we are accepting of the wonderful diversity within our community and have hope that our children will continue to advocate for and celebrate the unique needs of all throughout our wider world.

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St Mary of Charity school and its governors set a high standard of uniform that should be worn at all times in school. We believe a uniform creates a school community and encourages pupils to concentrate on their studies rather than latest fads and fashions. We also recognise the financial implications families can face ensuring that children are dressed appropriately for school. We have created this policy with the utmost care in order to provide support whilst maintaining high standards of dress.

Clothing and Jewellery

We are proud of our school uniform. All pupils must wear school uniform- there are no exceptions! Jewellery is not allowed, this includes chains, bracelets and necklaces. Small studs for ears are allowed only, no hoops or multiple piercings and children must be able to remove studs/tape them themselves for PE (or have these taped at home prior to the session for younger children). No make-up including nail varnish, false nails are not permitted. Watches may be worn at own risk.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Grey or Black trousers or skirts
- White shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- A school jumper, cardigan or fleece
- A plain navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Blue & White checked summer dresses/pinafores

School shoes (not boots) must be worn by all and should be black and not branded i.e. Nike, Adidas, Reebok indicates they are a trainer not a shoe. Trainers may be brought into school to change into for a run about at lunchtime. Wellington boots during snow is fine if they can change into a pair of shoes once in class.

All of our uniform can be purchased from high street stores, however if you want your child to wear specific branded uniform items these can be ordered either via the school office or from Rivals in Faversham. There is no expectation at St Mary of Charity for your child to wear school branded uniform. This is parental preference.

As a school we regularly run pre-loved uniform events where for a donation you are able to obtain new uniform for your child. These events are managed by the PTFA, who work in conjunction with the salvation army community wardrobe in Faversham. All preloved uniform events are advertised via our parent pages.

Hair

Hair styles should be simple, no dyes or extensions. Hair should retain a simple style with no shaved patterns. Acceptable- Natural looking hair colour, shaved hair (grade 1 or 2), hairstyles with slightly different lengths, ponytails (natural).

Unacceptable- coloured hair using reds, pinks, whites, bleaches etc. Shaved patterns cut into the hair (names, trams, checks etc.) shaved eyebrows, non-conventional ponytails (rats tails).

Religion

If your child wishes to wear a headscarf or other religious based hair covering, please notify the school by informing staff on the gate, this is to ensure that appropriate support and understanding is in place. We welcome all faiths at school and using religious dress as a way to educate all pupils about our diverse community.

PE

For PE children need to wear a PE kit of a white t-shirt and navy blue shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms. Plimsoles and Trainers must also be worn. These should be plain in style with black or white colouring. No obvious, large logo's can be worn as part of a child's PE kit. During the winter months children need warmer PE kits, a simple navy tracksuit can be worn. Please ensure that these do not have hoods as these can be dangerous during PE lessons.

All clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name. Items of clothing are frequently handed in as 'lost property' and their owners never traced because the clothing has not been marked. The school cannot be held responsible for any lost property.

Mobiles and electronics

Generally- Mobile phones/ iPods and other electrical items are not allowed in school and will be confiscated until close of day. However- if your child walks to school and you would like them to have a phone to let you know they are on their way home we will consider this and the teacher will store the phone in their teacher cupboard during the day. We cannot be held responsible for loss to these items however. You must provide written consent if your child is bringing an electronic device/mobile phone into school.

Consequences

Breach of the uniform rules will include-

- 1- A reminder letter sent to the parent via the class teacher (see appendix
- 2- A reminder letter sent by a Senior Leader and a phone call home
- 3- A letter sent by the Governing Body/ Head Teacher with the consequences of non-compliance clearly highlighted

Sanctions

Are tailored to each case and may include-

- 1- A set time in which the pupil is expected to comply with the policy- this may be immediately for clothing or a calendar month for certain hairstyles to grow out.
- 2- A letter from the headteacher/governors warning that you are in breach
- 3- Pupil sent home

Good examples of appropriate footwear:



Appendix 1:

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed that _____ was not in the appropriate school uniform/footwear today. This is a polite reminder that children must wear the correct school attire.

- Grey or Black trousers or skirts
- White shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- A navy school jumper, cardigan or fleece
- A plain navy blue jumper or cardigan

Footwear

- Black school shoes
- In Winter children should have suitable footwear for wet or snowy weather, e.g. wellington boots or flat black boots. They should change into their normal footwear once in school. Trainers, open-toed or heeled shoes are not part of the school uniform and we reserve the right to ask children to wear plimssoles if they are wearing unsuitable footwear.

In future, if your child is not in full school uniform, you will be asked to bring down their uniform/shoes for them to change in to.

Thank you for your support.

Class Teacher

Appendix 2:

P.E KIT

We have noticed that _____ was not in the appropriate school P.E kit today. This is a polite reminder that children must wear the correct school attire of:

- Navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Plimsoles or trainers
- Navy Blue Track suit (for outdoor winter PE) no hooded sweatshirts/jackets allowed.

In future, if your child is not in our school P.E kit, you will be asked to bring a P.E kit for them to change in to.

Thank you for your support.

Class Teacher