

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



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## Uniform Policy

## Introduction

At St. Mary's we encourage all children to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to dress smartly for school and to take a pride in their appearance.

This policy complies with the Welsh Government the 'School Uniform and appearance: guidance for governing bodies' document (January 2022).

## Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- provides a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school
- supports positive behaviour and school discipline
- ensures pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
- removes peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- enables pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- helps reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- benefits safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
- assists identification of strangers on school premises
- supports and promotes the ethos of the school.

We acknowledge that we have an obligation under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 to not discriminate unlawfully on the grounds of sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and disability. Also, we uphold the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Articles 2, 12, and 13 which are particularly relevant to this).

We believe we have a moral duty to keep costs low for parents as school uniform can be very expensive. Therefore, we ensure that our school uniform is affordable and that we offer a variety of options for all parents. We provide parents regularly with information about local authority uniform grants and offer a free uniform rail with donations of unwanted, good quality uniform donated by other parents.

## St Mary's Uniform

The uniform for children attending St. Mary's is below. Parents/ carers can purchase jumpers and t-shirts with the embroidered school logo or purchase plain items from local supermarkets/ shops. We do not encourage the purchasing of items with the school logo.

- Light blue or Royal blue polo shirt  
(with or without school logo)
- Grey trousers/ skirt/ pinafore
- Royal blue jumper/ cardigan  
(with or without school logo)
- Grey, black or white socks
- Black shoes or trainers  
(no logos or white soles)



Summer option: grey shorts or blue & white dress



PE Kit – children must wear PE kit to school on their PE day.

- Plain black or navy coloured leggings, tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- School jumper
- White t-shirt
- Trainers (any kind)



**Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For health and safety reasons we discourage children from wearing jewellery to school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Watches are allowed as children move into the older classes, but not smart watches.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note that teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. If earrings are unable to be worn, they should be covered with tape before coming to school.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or ‘scrunchies’ should be plain or in school colours. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

**Footwear**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers with black soles. Trainers with large logos and white soles are not allowed. If boots are worn these should also be plain black.

**Role of the Governing Body**

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 enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Role of School Personnel**

School personnel will lead by example dressing appropriately for their work and have a neat and tidy appearance. Staff should discuss with parents if any pupil does not comply with this policy to ensure parents are aware of the policy and to find out if the school can help in any way.

### **Role of Parents**

At St. Mary's we believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. If pupils are regularly wearing incorrect school uniform, we will discuss the matter with parents and do all that we can to help.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothing that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy, they should contact the Headteacher.

### **Lost Clothing**

We ask all parents to label all of their children's school uniform items so that it can be returned to the correct owner if it becomes lost. A 'Lost Property' box is kept in the hall on the stage for all items that are unlabelled. Parents can request to look in the box at any time.

### **Useful Documents:**

['School Uniform and appearance: guidance for governing bodies' document \(January 2022\).](#)