



St Martin and St Mary C of E Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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REVIEW SHEET

The information in the table below details earlier versions of this document with a brief description of each review and how to distinguish amendments made since the previous version date (if any).

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the St Martin & St Mary CE Primary School logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. and Outdoor Learning, is included in this policy.

“We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers”.

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;

- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, and affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

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

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Pupils are free to wear a headscarf at St Martin & St Mary CE Primary School if they wish to. These must however be plain. Headscarves of the type which drape to shoulder length or just below are acceptable.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, Heelys or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, plain black shoes without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. If boots are worn these should also be flat and plain black. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

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. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

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 our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

The role of staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the School in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head of School 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.

Discipline

The School has the authority to discipline students for not wearing correct school uniform. It is our intention to explore all alternatives, through consultation and discussion with families, to avoid any sanction being taken.

If a student arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform, school will endeavour to find the cause and remedy the situation. Families will be contacted. Should the problem persist, families may be invited into school to discuss the situation.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be kept in the lost property areas for KS1/KS2. Students are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

Help providing Uniform

Our PTA runs regular second hand uniform sales. We are happy to provide items of uniform and families are asked to speak to their class teacher/member of the senior Leadership Team if they require assistance.

SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDE

For Parents, Carers and Families

We have an attractive and practical uniform of specially embroidered Navy blue sweatshirts, fleeces, coats, hats and white or light blue polo shirts. We ask that all children wear uniform, either the St Martin and St Mary uniform (available through links on our website – see below) or generic uniform available from supermarkets and chain stores. Please name everything.

We also ask that long hair is tied back, both for safety reasons and to stop the transfer of head lice (when they are present in school). We also insist that children don't wear jewellery to school, this is again for safety reasons and to avoid precious items going missing and being lost. If children have their ears pierced they are permitted to wear simple studs that must be removed for PE, swimming and outdoor learning sessions.

Reception	Key Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2	Key Stage 2 – Years 3 to 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Black footwear with velcro fastenings ✓ Wellies ✓ Warm waterproof coat ✓ Trousers/shorts/skirts either black, navy or grey ✓ White or light blue polo shirt ✓ Navy blue sweatshirt ✓ Summer dresses - blue gingham ✓ School book bag (no rucksack) ✓ Water bottle ✓ Lunch box and lunchtime drink if not having a school dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Black footwear with velcro fastenings ✓ Wellies for Year 1 ✓ Warm waterproof coat ✓ Trousers/shorts/skirts either black, navy or grey ✓ White or light blue polo shirt ✓ Navy blue sweatshirt ✓ Book bag (available from school) ✓ Water bottle ✓ Lunch box and lunchtime drink if not having a school dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Black footwear ✓ Warm waterproof coat ✓ Trousers/shorts/skirts either black, navy or grey ✓ White or light blue polo shirt ✓ Navy blue sweatshirt ✓ Water bottle ✓ Lunch box and lunchtime drink if not having a school dinner

PE and Games Kit – children attend school in their PE kit on PE and Games days.

Essential items

- ✓ Trainers
- ✓ Navy or black shorts, a skirt or leggings.
- ✓ A T-shirt in their house colour

*N.B. We expect all children to wear our agreed school uniform for **PE and Games**. Please don't send children to school in Football Kits and 'Active Wear', aerobics outfits etc.*

Optional extras...

- ✓ Polo shirt
- ✓ Tracksuit - tops and bottoms
- ✓ Hoodie in house team colours
- ✓ Running vest
- ✓ Sports socks
- ✓ Waterproof sports jacket
- ✓ Navy leotard
- ✓ Black gym shorts

The above kit will be worn at school competition & sports festivals.

All items of uniform including PE, swimming kit and book bags must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Skiddaw – Green

Great Gable – Red

Bowfell – Blue

Helvellyn – Yellow

Our uniform suppliers, Coniston Corporate and Identity, both have an online shop to buy uniform from directly. Deliveries will be sent to school and distributed to your children unless you arrange otherwise.



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