



Roman Catholic Diocese of Hexham and
Newcastle

St Mary's RC Primary School: School Uniform Policy



Excellence, inspired by Gospel values

Headteacher: Mr David Miller

Chair of Governors: Mrs Michelle Harris

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Date for Review: February 2020

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should 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 is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging.
- Is practical and smart.
- Identifies the children with the school.
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be).
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers.
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform

Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Burgundy sweatshirt embroidered with school logo✓ Sky blue polo shirt embroidered with school logo✓ Grey or black trousers✓ Grey or black knee length shorts (summer only)✓ Black leather shoes
Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Burgundy sweatshirt embroidered with school logo or✓ Burgundy cardigan embroidered with school logo✓ Sky blue polo shirt embroidered with school logo or✓ Sky blue blouse✓ Grey or black skirts or pinafores✓ Grey or black trousers✓ Blue/ White dress (summer only)✓ Black or grey tights✓ White or Grey socks✓ Black leather shoes
P.E. / Sports (Boys and Girls)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ White tee-shirt with embroidered with school logo✓ Navy blue shorts✓ Black slip on plimsolls (Infants only)✓ Training shoes (Juniors only)✓ Change of socks (Juniors only) <p>P.E. kits must all be clearly named in a draw string bag to hang on the pupil's peg. Due to limited space in the cloakrooms large sports bags are not permitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ P.E. kit to be available in school at all times

	✓ Football strips are at no point acceptable attire for P.E. lessons
Optional Extras	✓ Burgundy hoody embroidered with school logo ✓ Beanie hat and baseball cap embroidered with school logo

Preparing children for weather conditions they will meet each day

- Please ensure that your child has a warm winter coat, a hat, a scarf, and gloves in colder weather and a lighter waterproof coat and sun hat for the summer.
- Please ensure that they are provided with **6 hour** protection sun cream during periods of hot weather and especially during summer months (approximately May onwards)

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is a watch for our older children. Earrings are not allowed and if they cannot be removed, we will ask that they are covered with a plaster.

Extreme Haircuts

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

Footwear

St Mary's RC Primary School wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

The Role of Parents and Carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

We ask parents to ensure that their child's clothing and equipment is marked clearly with the child's name. Clothing and lost property without any name is kept for the remainder of the term and then offered to a local charity shop.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Non-compliance with a Governing Body's Uniform Policy

The Headteacher is empowered to discipline pupils for breach of uniform policy. However, the DfES does not consider exclusion to be an appropriate response to breaches of the Governing Body's uniform policy, except where it is part of a pattern of defiant behaviour.

Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- Seek the views of parents and carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it.
- Consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations.
- Require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.
- This policy will be reviewed on a 3 year cycle, or earlier if necessary.

The School Uniform Policy will be reviewed on a triennial basis.

This policy was reviewed by Governors on: February 16th 2017

Signed:

Name: (Headteacher) Date:

Name: (Chair of Governors) Date: