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# St. Mary's CE Academy

'Excellence through faith & learning'



# Uniform Policy

*"I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full."*

**John 10:10**

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## Introduction:

At St Mary's Church of England Academy, we aim to provide a caring environment where every child can thrive and is supported to achieve their unique & amazing potential as a child of God. As such, we believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical, smart, reinforces a positive work ethos & reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

## Aims:

- All children wear the correct uniform to school;
- Children feel proud to belong to the school;
- Children are kept safe as a result of being easily identifiable, particularly on visits outside of school;
- Parents/carers share the expectations of the school.

## Guidelines:

- It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear (see: *APPENDIX 1 – STANDARD LETTER TO PARENTS Re. CORRECT UNIFORM*);
- The school prospectus provides parents/carers with full details & prices of the uniform to be worn;
- Most items of uniform can be purchased from the school office;
- If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents/carers (see Appendix 1);
- If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (e.g. unsuitable for the weather, too revealing, offensive/unsuitable slogans, etc.) then the school will provide uniform for the child to wear for the day;
- PE kit should be kept in school for the half term & only taken home then for washing;
- If a child does not have their PE kit in school, a letter is sent home to the parents/carers;
- Parents are asked to clearly label every item of school clothing with their child's name;
- Children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform;
- There is a cupboard for lost property located in the entrance lobby;
- If there is any reason why a child cannot wear our uniform or requires special dispensation (e.g. health or religious grounds), then the governors will of course sympathetically consider any such request from a parent/carer.

## Uniform Details:

<b>For Girls:</b>	<b>For Boys:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sweatshirts / cardigan / Fleece – blue with school logo;</li><li>• Skirts / Trousers: grey or black;</li><li>• Shirts: white;</li><li>• Dresses: blue gingham;</li><li>• Socks: dark or white;</li><li>• Tights: grey, black;</li><li>• Shoes / trainers – Black;</li><li>• No sandals or heels;</li><li>• Hats to keep safe in the sun.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sweatshirts / Fleece – blue with school logo;</li><li>• Shirts – white;</li><li>• Trousers: grey or black;</li><li>• Shorts in summer;</li><li>• Socks: dark or white;</li><li>• Shoes / trainers – black;</li><li>• Hats to keep safe in the sun.</li></ul>
<b>PE Kit:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• T-shirt: white;</li><li>• Jogging bottoms: black;</li><li>• Shorts: black;</li><li>• Plimsolls: black</li></ul>	

## Jewellery:

On Health & Safety grounds, children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school apart from a watch & stud pierced earring (See: APPENDIX 2 – *STANDARD LETTER TO PARENTS Re. INAPPROPRIATE EARRINGS*). We ask children to remove these during PE lessons. Alternatively, earrings could be removed by parents during the evening before a PE lesson. This is to prevent injuries (See: APPENDIX 3 – *STANDARD LETTER TO PARENTS Re. EARRINGS DURING PE LESSONS*).

Children who cannot remove their earrings (due to having them pierced in the last six weeks), will miss the PE lesson for the week. Parents will then be informed to make alternative arrangements for the following week. Teachers are prohibited from removing or replacing earrings & the school will accept no responsibility for accidents caused by the wearing of jewellery.

Parents & carers are reminded that if they should wish for their child to have their ears pierced, then it is best to take place at the beginning of the six weeks holiday in order that they can then be removed for PE at the beginning of the Autumn term.

**APPENDIX 1 – STANDARD LETTER TO PARENTS Re. CORRECT UNIFORM**

Date: .....

Dear Parent/Carer,

Child's name: ..... Class: .....

We noticed that your child did not wear their uniform to school today. I'm sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home & at school. As our policy states:

*'At St Mary's Church of England Academy, we believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical, smart, reinforces a positive work ethos & reduces expenditure for parents/carers.'*

I would be very grateful therefore, if you could make sure that your child dresses appropriately every school day. Our uniform is as follows:

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Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Class teacher

**APPENDIX 2 – STANDARD LETTER TO PARENTS Re. INAPPROPRIATE EARRINGS**

Date: .....

Dear Parent/Carer,

Child's name: ..... Class: .....

We noticed that your child has been wearing inappropriate earrings to school. These are not only felt to be of a high risk in terms of Health & Safety, but also go against our policy on uniform, which states:

*'On Health & Safety grounds, children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school apart from a watch & **stud earrings.**'*

I would be very grateful therefore, if you could make sure that your child only wears earrings which are appropriate to school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Class teacher

**APPENDIX 3 – STANDARD LETTER TO PARENTS Re. EARRINGS DURING PE  
LESSONS**

Date: .....

Dear Parent/Carer,

Child's name: ..... Class: .....

We noticed that your child cannot remove his / her own earrings for PE Lessons. It is our school policy that earrings must be removed during PE on Health & Safety grounds. Our policy states:

*'We ask children to **remove earrings** during PE lessons. Alternatively, **earrings could be removed by parents during the evening before a PE lesson**. This is to prevent injuries. Children who cannot remove their earrings (due to having them pierced in the last six weeks), will miss the PE lesson for the week. Parents will then be informed to make alternative arrangements for the following week. Teachers are prohibited from removing or replacing earrings & the school will accept no responsibility for accidents caused by the wearing of jewellery'.*

I would be very grateful therefore, if you could make arrangements in order that your child does not miss any more lessons of PE.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Class teacher