



Wigan St. Andrew's CE Primary School

Uniform Policy

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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 (where appropriate). School uniform is a way of showing that the children and parents/carers are ready, respectful and safe in line with our whole-school ethos. Some items of uniform can be bought with the St William's Catholic Primary School badge on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for PE and Outdoor Learning, is included in this policy.

Aims and Objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can and cannot be worn 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' uniform is practical, smart, affordable and suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up, Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons, we discourage children from wearing jewellery. Wearing jewellery of any kind can be dangerous for your child because the jewellery may get caught or accidentally pulled which can cause a painful and unpleasant accident.

Children may only wear stud earrings if they have pierced ears. Children may also wear a watch. Children are required to remove any items (including earrings) during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Your child's class teacher will advise you when PE lessons are to take place so earrings can be removed. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Extreme haircuts or hair dyes are not permitted. Children are also not allowed to wear any makeup or nail varnish.

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. These should be closed in with no toes visible. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

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. 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 Head Teacher.

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 Head Teacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head Teacher 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.

Special Circumstances

Parents can request temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Head Teacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing any requests.

Incorrect Uniform

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

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be stored safely until reunited with their owner, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name. Lost property items that are unclaimed will be offered for free at the end of the summer term.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by: • Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy; • Considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special permission with regard to school uniform.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform is as follows:

From after October half-term until Easter:

- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with school logo.
- Blue shirt
- School tie
- Grey trousers/skirt or School tartan skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey/black socks or grey/black tights.

From after Easter until October half-term:

- Blue and white check summer dresses
- Blue polo shirt
- Grey shorts

- Grey socks
- Black school shoes

PE Kit

YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

This consists of shorts and a round neck T-shirt in the team colour of your child. The blue school PE hoodie or a black/blue hoodie, trainers and plain black/blue jogging bottoms for the colder months.

Y5 and Y6

This consists of black PE shorts, a blue round neck t-shirt with the school logo, a blue PE hoodie or black/blue hoodie, trainers and plain black/blue jogging bottoms for the colder months.

Children wear their PE kit to school on their allocated PE days.

Please ensure that your child's clothing has his/her name in ALL items.

Stockists

Uniform can be purchased from Slaters and Top Marks (both located in Wigan town centre) or AC Sports in Pemberton. Many items can also be purchased from local supermarkets and high street stores.