

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

School Uniform and Presentation Policy



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Mission Statement

This is St Matthew's Catholic Primary School Uniform and Presentation Policy and is set within the context of the whole school aims and Mission Statement:

“Through respect we will work together in Christ to develop the whole person’

Our school is committed to preparing children for life in society, we encourage smart appearance and pride in the school.

Aims and Objectives

This policy aims to set out clearly the expectations of the school uniform policy and acceptable appearance and presentation in school.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Supports the school safe guarding and health and safety policies;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging towards the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion:
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from wearing fashion clothes and hairstyles that may be distracting;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money
- is practical and smart and designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform requirements

Reception – to be worn all year round

Dark grey tracksuit with school badge on the jumper, Light blue polo with badge, white or grey socks and sensible black shoes/ trainers (no colour) with Velcro fasteners (if possible)

In the summer term your child may wear the summer uniform as listed below if you prefer.

Years 1-6

Boys

Autumn/ Spring Terms (September - Easter)

Grey trousers, white shirt, blue striped tie, grey jumper with school badge and black shoes (no trainers).

Summer Term (Easter - July)

Grey trousers or grey shorts, grey socks, white short sleeved shirt, blue striped tie and grey jumper with school badge, black shoes (no trainers).

Girls Y1 - Y6

Autumn/ Spring Terms (September - Easter)

Grey pinafore, white shirt, blue striped tie, grey cardigan with school badge, grey socks and black shoes (no trainers).

Summer Term (Easter - July)

Blue gingham summer dress, grey cardigan with school badge, white socks and black shoes (no trainers).

Prefects have a silver tie with blue stripe / school councilors have a blue tie.

Any changes to uniform must be discussed with the Head Teacher.

(Training shoes may be worn during play time/dinner time for all children)

PE Kit

School tracksuit during the winter months Boys/ Girls: Red T-shirt, Blue shorts. Black pumps must be worn by all pupils for use in P.E. lessons. Training shoes must not be worn for indoor P.E. All staff are to ensure children do P.E. in the correct kit.

All pupils are expected to join in P.E., games and swimming lessons. Parents are asked to send a letter to the class teacher if the child is to be excused on medical grounds. The Sports Lead in school may follow up if a child misses multiple lessons. During Covid children come to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. days.

All articles of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name. The school is not responsible for loss or damage to personal items.

All badged school uniform, girls slips and summer dresses can be purchased from Brienda on Muirhead Avenue

Also available to purchase are bookbags, satchels, school caps

Swimming

Boys - Swimming trunks of the appropriate size (not Bermuda shorts)

Girls - One-piece swimming costume of the appropriate size

Swimming caps are required for all girls and boys

Coats

If you choose to send your child to school in an expensive/designer/named coat this will be at your own risk and school will take no responsibility for loss or damage.

Marking Clothing

All articles of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's name. School will take no responsibility for children losing their clothing.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with heels, sling backs or platforms. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated above.

If children attend school with inappropriate footwear they will be given school plimsolls to wear indoors.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Please support us by following school policy when taking your child for a haircut.

Children must not have hairstyles which are extreme. Lines or patterns shaved into the hair and dyed hair are not permitted. All long hair must be tied back.

Any hair accessories should be plain and either blue, grey or white, please note hair bows should be small in size and appropriate for school wear.

Shaved patterns or lines in eye brows are not allowed.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons jewellery such as bracelets, rings, necklaces and chains must not be worn. Small, plain stud earrings may currently be worn at parents' risk –diamond, hoop or drop-type earrings are not allowed. Wrist watches (not Apple Watches) may be worn but removed for P.E, dance and games, again at parents' risk.

Nails

Nail varnish must not be worn in school. False nails are not allowed. School has nail varnish remover and may ask a child to take nail varnish off in school.

Other

Fake tattoos and transfers are not permitted.

The role of parents and carers

St Matthew's believes that the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, PE kit and expectations of appearance as stated above, it should be clean, in good repair and the child's name written on all items.

If any parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak to a senior member of staff to discuss their issues.

Children arriving to school with incorrect uniform may be given uniform from our supply of spares. The same system will apply to those children who do not bring PE kits. Continually arriving at school without appropriate uniform will result in parents being contacted.

We ask all parents and carers to support us in this school uniform policy by sending their child to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. No child should be made to stand out by breaking our school uniform policy, our aim is to ensure equality.

St. Matthew's is an inclusive school community. If there are genuine reasons why parents or carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents or carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. We will ensure that we work with parents and carers to meet individual needs as far as possible.

We will also support any families who are in need, by providing items of uniform, please contact school

If a child continually does not follow our uniform and presentation policy, parents/ carers will be invited to a meeting with school leadership to discuss the matter further and plan a way forward.

The role of Governors

It is for the governing body of a school to decide whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so what that should be. This flows from the duties placed upon all governing bodies by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body. It is also for the governing body to decide how the uniform should be sourced.

The Department of Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of the governors to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.