



Pupil Uniform Guidance

Why do the school require my child to wear a School Uniform?

We believe a school uniform is important because:

- A uniform contributes to a sense of belonging to the St. Mark's Catholic Primary School community
- A uniform develops a sense of pride in our school
- A uniform helps children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- A uniform is designed with health and safety of a child in mind
- A uniform helps the school to maintain high standards of presentation and conduct

Our uniform is selected to be practical, maintainable and good value for money.

School Uniform Expectations

It is preferable for pupils to wear uniform from our uniform suppliers, Coes, and certain badged or specific items are only available from them. However, if parents purchase any part of their child's uniform from other suppliers, these must be in the school colours as follows:

- Flat, black shoes which cover toes (**not trainers, boots or open-toe styles**), lace-up, buckles or Velcro fastenings (**not slip-on or ballet style shoes**) without decoration or flashing lights
- Plain grey shorts/trousers (**no cargo style with big side pockets**), skirt, skort or pinafore (**no bows or buckles or pencil skirts**)
- Plain white shirt (**no rounded or decorated collars, blouses or polo shirts**)
- Navy socks (ankle or long) or navy tights– these should be plain and have **no decorations, bows etc.**
- Tie and jumper with school colours which are available from Coes
- Summer options – blue and white gingham dress with navy ankle socks or navy tights (**no playsuits/two-piece sets**)

Please see images below for guidance.

All clothing must be named to ensure it is returned to the rightful owner. Unnamed lost property will be kept in school until the end of a half term when it will be disposed of or used as spare uniform

Physical Education (PE) Kit Expectations

PE is a compulsory element of the National Curriculum. It is therefore essential for all pupils to have appropriate kit to participate fully in PE Lessons.



On PE days children will need to attend school wearing their PE kit. If they are attending a sports club on a non-PE day they will need to bring their PE kit to school to change into.

Children must wear PE kit in the school colours:

- White polo shirt
- Navy blue plain shorts (**no cycling shorts or leggings**)
- Navy blue tracksuit top with school logo (in colder weather)
- Plain, navy blue tracksuit bottoms (in colder weather - **no leggings**)
- Navy socks
- KS2 navy football socks for when participating in football and hockey
- Suitable trainers – black or white (with velcro until they are confident with laces)

Following guidance from the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) regarding the wearing of earrings in PE we have taken the decision to ask that earrings are removed for PE; preferably in the morning before coming into school on the days pupils have PE, swimming or after school sports clubs. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils during physical activity. It will no longer be deemed sufficient to tape earrings as we cannot be certain that the taping is sufficiently adequate to prevent injury.

We understand that sometimes earrings are left in accidentally. In such cases we will:

- 1) Provide your child with a small envelope in which to place them, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
- 2) Contact you to offer you the opportunity to come and assist with their removal if your child is unable to do so independently. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to assist ourselves.

If the earrings cannot be removed your child will be unable to take part in the practical aspect of the lesson, but instead will be able to take on a range of different roles related to the learning taking place. **It is recommended that any ear piercing takes place at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow sufficient time for healing.** Parents are encouraged to remove studded earrings at home.

Swimming kit – trunks (**not Speedos or Bermuda style shorts**) or one-piece swimsuit (**not bikini**); swimming hat; towel. Goggles, ear plugs or nose clips are permitted for medical reasons only and this must be supported by a letter from your doctor.

School Bags/Other items

School bags should adhere to our school standards. **Key Stage 1 pupils** should use a navy blue school book bag. **Key Stage 2 pupils** should use a strong, practical backpack.

All pupils are expected to bring a named water bottle into school every day for classroom use and these can be refilled when needed during the day. These should be filled with water only (**no squash/juice/flavoured water/fizzy drinks**).

To minimise costs to parents, the school will provide all stationery required for the pupils to use in school. Therefore, they should not bring in stationery/pencil cases etc.

Jewellery, Hair and Makeup (including temporary tattoos)



- Hair must be natural in colour
- Hair at, or longer than, shoulder length must be tied up to avoid the easy transfer of head lice
- Fringes should be cut to allow pupils unimpaired vision in class. Any fringe longer than this will be need to be held back by simple 'Kirby' grips.
- Hairstyles must be without embellishment i.e. simple cut with no patterns or extreme styling, no shaved parts/partings. You will be contacted and asked to correct any hairstyles which fall outside of this guidance.
- Hair accessories such as **slides, ribbons, headbands, bows and bobbles are not permitted**. Children may wear a simple hair band in the school colour (blue)
- Children may only wear a maximum of one small, plain studded earring in each ear. Hooped, fashion or dangly earrings are not permitted. **Earrings cannot be taped and must be removed for PE.**
- Analogue watches only – **no Fitbits/smart watches**
- Makeup of any kind is not permitted. Nail varnish must be removed for school. You will be contacted to come and remove any varnish if pupils come to school wearing this.
- Temporary tattoos are not permitted and every effort should be made to remove temporary tattoos before attending school

Non-uniform days - guidance

Occasionally, the school holds non-uniform days for fundraising or celebratory reasons. On these occasions, the clothes your child wears should still be suitable for school and the following guidelines should be adhered to:

- Clothes should cover shoulders and midriffs.
- Shorts must be at least mid-thigh length. Gym shorts are not appropriate
- No slip on shoes/crocs/flip flops or heels permitted
- All clothing should be suitable for PE if timetabled for that day.
- No make-up/face paints/temporary tattoos
- School jewellery and hair policy is still applicable

St. Mark's Catholic Primary School is an inclusive community. As such, we recognise that there may be exceptions to the uniform procedure for religious observance. Please consult the school office if you have any queries.