



## Uniform Policy

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### Introduction

It is our school policy that children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside of normal school hours unless it has been specifically confirmed by the school that school uniform is not required (e.g. a non-uniform day or a school visit for which non-uniform would be more appropriate for the activity).

Some uniform with the school logo can be bought from our school uniform supplier, Brendas, whilst other generic uniform is easily available from high street shops and supermarkets at competitive prices. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for PE are provided in Appendix A.

### Aims and Objectives

This policy aims to ensure that St Mark's CE Primary School is effective in ensuring that all members of the school community are aware of the school uniform requirements.

The objectives of this policy are:

- To promote a sense of pride in our school by setting a high expectation and standard for personal appearance.
- To create a sense of community and belonging towards the school regardless of background.
- To set an appropriate tone for education
- To avoid discrimination by adhering to the Equalities Act 2010, which prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief.

- To ensure that the total cost of school uniform is reasonable and the best value for money for parents.

### **The Role of the AQC**

The AQC supports the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers reading the uniform policy and liaises with the SLT to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the AQC's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. The AQC ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **The Role of Staff**

The staff should support the leadership team in maintaining the high standards of uniform. Where children are not wearing the required uniform, staff should make discreet enquiries.

### **The Role of Parents/Carers**

Parents/Carers are expected to support this school uniform policy. Parents/Carers are responsible for supporting their child arriving at school dressed in the correct school uniform and PE kit, that it is clean, in good repair and labelled with their child's name.

If a parent/carer experiences difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues, where we will do our best to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing may be loaned an appropriate item from our second-hand uniform stock to wear for that day. Parents may be contacted to discuss the matter if incorrect uniform becomes a concern.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. All such requests, should in the first instance, be directed to the Headteacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the specified school uniform, for example on medical grounds. Such requests should be directed to the Headteacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

### **PE Uniform**

On days when the children have a PE lesson or an in-school sports event, children in Key Stage 2 will be required to come to school dressed in their PE kit. Children in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 will leave their PE kit in school to change in to, to aid their self-help skills.

All children are required to wear a house coloured T-shirt with the school logo and plain navy knee length shorts. For outdoor PE or during colder months they are also permitted to wear plain navy jogging bottoms.

For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear loose fitting clothing such as jogging bottoms when using the indoor PE equipment.

### **Second-Hand Uniform**

We have a large stock of items of second-hand uniform available at a reduced price. Parents/Carers can order second-hand uniform by completing an order form; copies can be found by the School Office. The PTA hold uniform sales periodically throughout the year.

### **Footwear**

Children should be wearing sturdy weatherproof **plain** black shoes. Footwear such as boots, open shoes/sandals, flimsy ballet pumps are not suitable for school. If necessary, children are permitted to wear black trainers but these must be completely plain black with no coloured motifs or soles.

### **Jewellery and Makeup**

For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are small studs in pierced ears, a wrist watch and small objects of religious significance. Rings and wearable smart devices are not permitted. Wherever possible, children are required to remove any jewellery items during PE lessons or practical lessons such as DT to prevent them causing injury. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings for pupils.

Children are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish to school.

### **Hairstyles and Accessories**

- Long hair that reaches the shoulders, should be tied back whilst in school. This is especially important during PE lessons.
- Hair colours should be natural.
- Short hair should be smart and tidy – no skin fades, tram lines or shaved designs.
- Hair accessories should be small and discreet, in school colours.
- Headscarves when worn for religious purposes should be plain black or navy, without embellishments.

### **Labelling and Lost Property**

Parents/Carers are advised to ensure that their child's clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name.

Any unnamed lost property will be taken to the lost property box. All lost property will be retained for a period of one month and will be disposed of if it is not collected within this time.






## Appendix A - School Uniform List


Some of our generic uniform can be bought from high street shops or supermarkets whereas items with the school logo are sold by our supplier:


Brendas – 130 Frimley Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2QN. Tel: 01276 818424

You can also purchase online via their website: <https://www.brendas.co.uk/>

The table below outlines our school uniform requirements and suppliers:

| Standard Uniform Item   | Supplier                  | Requirement                 |   |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Available from Brendas/Second Hand from PTA</b>                                  |                           |                             |   |
|    | Jumper with school logo   | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop | A jumper or cardigan is required            |
|   | Cardigan with school logo | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop |   |
|  | Blazer with school logo   | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop | Optional                                    |
|  | Elasticated tie           | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop | Required when wearing a shirt (Year 1 & 2)  |
|  | Tie                       | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop | Required when wearing a shirt (Year 3 to 6) |

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|    | Hair scrunchie  | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop | Optional                               |
| <b>Widely available from other stores including super markets</b>                   |   |                             |  |
| Plain white polo shirt (Year R) or shirt (Years 1 – 6)                              | Any Shop  | Required                    |  |
| Winter - Navy blue, straight legged, smart navy trousers (not leggings)             | Any Shop  | Required                    |  |
| Winter – Navy blue pinafore or knee length skirt                                    | Any Shop  | Required                    |  |
| Plain black flat sturdy shoes or trainers   | Any Shop  | Required                    |  |
| Grey or black socks with trousers or shorts   | Any Shop  | Required                    |  |
| Navy tights or navy/white socks with pinafore or skirt                              | Any Shop  | Optional                    |  |
| White socks with summer dress   | Any Shop  | Optional                    |  |
| Summer - Smart navy blue knee length shorts   | Any Shop  | Optional                    |  |
| Summer – Navy blue gingham summer dress   | Any Shop  | Optional                    |  |
| Bookbag with the school logo are available<br>Rucksack or bookbag                   | Brendas<br>Any Shop   | Optional<br>Required        |  |
| <b>PE Uniform List</b>  |   | <b>Supplier</b>             | <b>Required</b>                        |
|  | House colour T-Shirt with school logo   | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop | Required from Brendas/Second-Hand Shop |
|  | Navy blue jogging bottoms with school logo (plain navy jogging bottoms are also acceptable) | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop | Optional                               |

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| Plain navy blue knee length shorts  | Any shop                 | Optional                    |          |
| Plimsolls or trainers suitable for outdoor games                                  | Any shop                 | Required                    |          |
|  | Sun cap with school logo | Brendas or Second-Hand Shop | Optional |

| Acceptable Shoes   | Unacceptable Shoes  |
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If you have any questions about what is acceptable, please contact the school before purchasing any items.