



Let it be known that all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes, the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.

We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ, where all can experience and grow in Christian love, through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments, and through prayer and personal example

Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and in the table below.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could prove both excessively expensive for some parents and socially divisive in class;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Winter Uniform ~ first week in October until Easter holiday

Boys	Girls
Grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate)	Plain grey pinafore/skirt or grey tailored trousers
White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt	White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt
Grey socks	White socks or navy tights ~ not NAVY socks
Black shoes	Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes)
<u>School pullover*</u>	<u>School pullover or cardigan *</u>
Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Yr 1 & 2)*	Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Year 1 & 2)*
School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)

Summer Uniform ~ First day of Summer Term until October

Boys	Girls (change in 1st week of October)
<u>School</u> polo shirt (white with embroidered badge)* Also available form Tesco Clothing Online	Red and white check summer dress (<u>with a white collar</u>)
Grey trousers or shorts	Red, white, navy or black hair band or scrunchie
Grey socks	White socks
Black shoes	Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes)
<u>School</u> pullover *	<u>School</u> pullover or cardigan *
School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)
<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat *	<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat *

PE Kit

Indoor	Outdoor
School t-shirt (red with embroidered badge)*	School t-shirt (red with embroidered badge)*
Navy shorts	Navy shorts or <u>plain</u> black/navy jogging bottoms
	School sweatshirt (red with embroidered badge) Available from Tesco Online (Optional)
	Plimsolls /trainers
	School baseball/summer hat in the summer months**

Items marked * are available to purchase through school. All other items can be purchased from clothing outlets/supermarkets

** * At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance and this includes wearing a sun hat/cap. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be plain with no bold, fashion logos. Red is the preferred colour as it enables us to easily identify the children walking to church, sports events etc.

Plain means no bold logos, slogans, brand names, inappropriate symbols etc.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. If a child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. In the rare cases when a child cannot remove their ear studs parents must provide plasters that the child can themselves apply to cover ear studs during the day. The wearing of earrings may prevent the child from taken part in physical activities, both in

curriculum time and extra curricular activities. Children may wear a plain, inexpensive watch, but if it is designed for games or making disruptive noises it will be removed and sent home.

Hair and make-up

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Short hair should be uniform in length, across the head, with no parts left longer than others. Hair bands, clips etc should be discreet designs in red, white, navy or black and only used in order to keep hair in place. Girls and boys with longer hair (shoulder length) must tie back/put up their hair, so that it does not cause an unnecessary distraction. Children should not wear any fixatives, hair gel/spray etc in their hair.

No make up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate and should be washed off.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this.

Shoes made of breathable material such as leather are preferred and totally plastic shoes (such as jelly shoes) are not acceptable. We do not allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Boots are also inappropriate footwear for school. Shoes which incorporate flashing lights or similar distracting gimmicks in their design are not appropriate for schoolwear.

Winter boots/ wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather, but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day.

Seasonal safety

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet.

On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a school hat or cap. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be red or plain in design, with no bold, fashion logos.
- wearing an appropriate SPF sunscreen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought to school to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sunscreen).
- wearing sunglasses with a CE mark which conform to British Standard BS EN 18361977 and are of a design/colour compatible with school.

The role of the school

Items bearing the school logo are available for purchase through school. The school will make every effort to ensure these items are of reasonable quality and an affordable price.

There will be consultation with parents in the event of any change in supplier of uniform items. We will also look to offer the parents an alternative supplier for the school uniform which they may need multiple items of ~ polo shirts and dresses.

The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school.

In the event of infringement of the uniform policy, in the first instance a member of staff would have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding any explanation for the infringement and any remedial action that might be required (for example, a child might be asked to change into P.E. pumps if their footwear is unsuitable for wear in school or a child wearing a hoodie to school instead of a jacket but then continuing to wear it in the classroom would be asked to remove it and hang it on their coat peg). In the event of persistent or flagrant infringements, parents will be contacted.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. Acceptance of the school's uniform policy forms part of our Home School Agreement. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

All items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.



A copy of this policy is available on request from the School Office.

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It was agreed by the Governing Body on 3rd July 2013

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