

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School



School Uniform Policy

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Approved:
Chair of Governors

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic community, placing God at the centre of our lives. Christian values permeate every aspect of the school day. As a small friendly school, we aim to produce the warmth and intimacy of the family. We recognise each individual as special and loved by God, caring for one another and fostering love, trust and respect. When mistakes are made we recognise them as opportunities for learning and consequent reconciliation.

We aim to help all children fulfil their potential. We have high expectations of the children; we want them to do their best socially, personally, academically and spiritually.

We recognise each child's full entitlement to education. We value children's uniqueness and endeavour to nurture their potential. We strive to promote in them a sense of personal worth and self-confidence, as well as an awareness of their responsibilities to self and others.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing clothes that could be distracting or divisive;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money.

Expectations

A uniform list will be provided to all parents before their child starts school. We expect all parents and pupils to follow the uniform policy and it will be monitored by class teachers. Teachers will speak to the parents of pupils who are not wearing the correct uniform. The school will always provide the correct uniform for families who are not able to do so themselves because of financial constraints. If pupils persistently wear the incorrect uniform this will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher who will discuss the matter with pupils and parents.

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.

The Role of Governors

The governing board supports the Headteacher in implementing the school Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school Uniform Policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Where to buy School Uniform

Many items of our school uniform can be bought in supermarkets and department stores as well as online at competitive prices. Branded school uniform and ties can be purchased directly from the school via SCOPAY. This is administered by parent volunteers so please recognise that your requests will take up to seven working days to process. The school also runs second hand uniform sales termly where parents are asked to make a donation of their choosing for the items that they take.

School Uniform List

Winter (autumn 2 and spring term)	Summer (summer term and autumn 1)
White shirt School tie Short/long light grey trousers, or light grey skirt or pinafore dress Red school V-neck jumper or cardigan White or grey socks or tights Sensible black shoes, not trainers Red/navy hair ribbons/bands	White open-necked short-sleeved school polo shirt (no tie) Short/long grey trousers or light grey skirt or pinafore dress Red/white candy striped dress (not checked) Red school V-neck jumper or cardigan (if needed) White or grey socks Sensible black, red or white shoes, closed toes and heels, not trainers School sunhat Red/navy hair ribbons/bands
PE	
Navy and red polo shirt Navy and red shorts, or navy and red tracksuit bottoms Red sweatshirt Socks Trainers or plimsolls Optional item: red fleece PE bag PE uniform should be worn to school on the days when children have PE lessons. Your class teacher will share these days with parents at the parent information meeting.	

Headscarves/Hijab

These may be worn for religious reasons but must be black, grey, navy blue or red.

Jewellery

It is not appropriate for children to wear jewellery except a sensible watch and a pair of small plain stud earrings. If a child wears jewellery for a religious reason, then parents should write to the school explaining the reason the child wears this jewellery in order for the school to conduct the appropriate risk assessment.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles should be appropriate for school. All long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back. Headbands or hair bobbles should be in school colours - red or navy, or hair coloured.

School Bags

Space is limited within the school so we would ask that children minimise the bags that they bring to school. Pupils can bring their own bags to school or buy one of the school's rucksacks. All children in Reception to Year 2 need a school bookbag.

Equality Impact Assessment

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

Monitoring and Review

The governing board monitors and reviews the school Uniform Policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents to ensure that they agree with and support the policy, and;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.