

St Michael's Catholic Primary School Uniform Policy



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“All children are a gift from God. They are all special and should be allowed to grow in a nurturing environment secure in the knowledge that they are cherished.”

At St Michael's we endeavour to create a safe and stimulating environment where everyone knows that they are valued. A person has the right to be treated with respect and has the responsibility to treat others in the same way.

Guidance

The school has used the DfE guidance on school uniform in the setting of this policy.

‘School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department of Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. We also encourage schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and makeup.’

All students are expected to wear school uniform at all times. It is designed to be comfortable, attractive and practical. We believe having a school uniform avoids competitive dressing and helps to set the tone of the school. Uniform is a key aspect of creating a purposeful learning environment to allow students to work and realise their full potential. As parents and carers we would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that high standards are reached. When purchasing new shoes, skirts or trousers please ensure that they conform to school policy.

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 excellence and inclusion;
- prevent children from wearing ‘fashion clothes’ that could be distracting in class.

- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind.

We ask children to wear their polo t-shirts/shirts tucked into their skirts/trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance.

School Uniform Requirements

- School logo jumper, cardigan with a school badge;
- School logo white polo shirt with a school badge;
- Plain grey trousers or shorts
- Plain grey skirt
- Summer dress – green check;
- Plain black formal school shoes;

Please note, in extreme weather, boots and wellington boots can be worn. However, children are asked to bring a change of shoes to wear in school. We would also recommend that parents buy girls shoes that cover their whole foot.

We ask that all uniform, coats, PE kits etc... are labelled with your child's name.

PE Uniform Requirements

All children should attend school in their PE kit on their PE day to alleviate any disruption to learning.

- Plain white t-shirt (no logos, unless it's a St Michael's badge);
- Plain black shorts or jogging bottoms (no logos);
- Trainers (infants may use plimsolls/trainers, but juniors must wear trainers);
- Long hair must be tied up
- No jewellery to be worn
- For dance and gymnastics pupils must be bare-footed and for gymnastics all pupils must tuck in their T-shirt

Pupils should wear outdoor coats over their PE kits to travel to school and to allow pupils to play outside. Pupils are expected to wear either the school hoodie or their school jumper/cardigan on their timetabled PE day over the top of their PE kit. Please ensure that all clothing belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

In Key stage 2 children will attend swimming lessons. For this, the following rules should be adhered to:

- No bikinis - girls to wear full swimming costume or tankini;
- Shorts must be above the knee (to allow for movement);
- Hair must be tied up;
- Watches must be removed before entering the pool.

Please do not be convinced by your child that other items are acceptable for school.

- Fashion statements with regards to pupils' appearance is unacceptable (if in doubt, please contact the school before any decisions are made);
- Jewellery is not permitted in school, except a wrist watch;
- Parents are strongly encouraged to wait until the 6 weeks holidays if they want to get their child's ears pierced. Covering recently pierced ears with an Elastoplast is not acceptable;
- Although the school supports the work of many charity organisations, charity bands will be classed as bracelets and therefore not allowed;
- Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, shaved heads, extreme patterns / v styles, or unnatural dyed colours are also forbidden. Hair should be no shorter than a shaver grade 2;
- We reserve the right to determine what is a reasonable style or colour of hair and to insist that pupils with inappropriate hairstyles have them restyled or coloured, or be isolated from their peers until their hair is acceptable.
- Make-up is not allowed for pupils.

Your child's teacher or the Senior Staff will always be willing to advise you if you are unsure of any item of school clothing.

Pupils who do not adhere to the school uniform policy will be treated in line within our published sanctions on our Behaviour Management Policy.

The school is happy to support the purchase of children's uniform. Parents who feel this is appropriate are asked to request a financial assistance form from the school office.