

St. Paul's CE Primary School

School Uniform Policy



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St. Paul's CE Primary Vision statement says:

Jesus offers life in all its fullness, and so we inspire our children to flourish and grow in school, the community and the wider world.

Our school is a safe and caring environment, with Christian values at its heart.

Our school respects, and welcomes, all faiths, cultures and communities.

We ensure every child is valued, encouraging each child to discover their gifts and potential.

Unique and precious in God's eyes, be the best that you can be.

Introduction

At St. Paul's CE Primary School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. School uniform promotes a sense of identity and brings us all together as a school community under our vision and values.

Whilst asking that all children wear school uniform, we are mindful of the latest government advice, and the cost of uniforms. We do sell our uniform with the school logo through Bonny Bouncer, but we do not insist that this must be bought. Any uniform that conforms to school colours can be bought at very competitive prices from a number of shops, and we do also have a range of 'pre-loved' uniform that is donated by parents that can be found at the front entrance to school.

(If purchasing through Bonny Bouncer, a price list can be found on the website, or is available from the front office)

Aims of the Policy

- To promote a sense of pride in our school
- To create a sense of belonging, community and equality
- Helping to identify children with the school
- To ensure affordability, value for money and ease of care
- To prevent bullying
- To prepare children for secondary school and the work place
- To allow for stress free mornings with 'what to wear' avoided

Uniform List

- Black, grey or navy blue school trousers, skirts or pinafores
- Pale blue shirt or polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy blue fleece
- Summer dress - blue checked
- Black flat shoes or trainers

PE Kit

Children should have a change of clothes and footwear for PE, and a bag to keep their kit in. They should have black or blue shorts and a pale blue or white t-shirt. Pumps will be worn when doing PE in the Hall.

When outside, children can also have jog pants and sweatshirts to keep warm, and trainers that they haven't worn to school.

We ask that all uniform and PE kits are named, as this makes it so much easier to return clothes when they are lost. Also, we would ask that you encourage your child to report any property losses on the day as this makes it much easier to find things.

Outdoor Clothing

Children should have a coat with them each day, apart from in the hotter weather. Sun hats should be worn in very hot weather.

There may be occasions when children don't have to wear uniform, for example when taking part in Forest School, gardening activities or fund raising days. Parents will be notified in advance of any changes.

Bags and Water bottles

It is important that your child brings their bag to school every day, with all the things that they need for their learning, including their reading book, planner and homework. We ask for all children to have a water bottle in school, with water in it, as recommended by health professionals.

Jewellery, Accessories and Make-up

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery, apart from small stud earrings and watches. Any watches worn should have no sound effects, cameras, Wi-Fi links or games.

All jewellery must be removed for PE, and please be aware that we are not able to remove earrings for children.

Long hair should always be tied back.

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn in school.

Equal Opportunities

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

If there are reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the policy, for example on religious grounds, school will consider all such requests sympathetically. Any such request should be sent to the Headteacher in the first instance.

All children should have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of culture, race, religion, gender, disability or financial circumstances. We ensure that our uniform respects other policies in place, and we are committed to creating a positive climate where all protected characteristics are accepted within our school. (Equality Act 2010 Human Rights Act 1998)

The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask that as parents you support the uniform policy, ensuring your child is wearing the right clothes and footwear, and that all uniform has the child's name visibly labelled.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Board supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents in regard to the 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.

Monitoring and Review

The policy will be reviewed every two years, and school will seek the views of parents/carers as part of this process.