



St. Sebastian's Church of England Primary School and Nursery

School Uniform Policy

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"A school family with a Christian ethos, where we help each other to flourish."

Introduction

At St Sebastian's CE Primary School and Nursery, it is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the idea that school uniform reflects our high expectations through:

- promoting the ethos of the school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education
- promoting a strong, cohesive, school identity that demonstrates high standards
- supports positive behaviour and discipline
- being practical and smart and suitable wear for school
- protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- making children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils
- identifying the children with the school aiding safeguarding
- supports effective teaching and learning and instils a sense of pride

General statement on uniform

Our school takes pride in the appearance of our children. The school expects parents to purchase branded uniform where possible, as we feel this helps to reinforce the school's identity; however, we do appreciate the financial pressures that this may put on families and have tried to keep this to a minimum. Furthermore, non – branded uniform is acceptable as long as it matches the school colours. The school will notify parents by phone, in person or email if a child is not following school policy. The school will actively work to ensure uniform costs are kept as low as possible and support families if at any time cost is a barrier to correct uniform.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy through the Staff and Pupil Care Committee. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations. Governors aim to ensure that the School Uniform Policy provides parents/carers with cost effective options as well as helping children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support and uphold the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready to learn each day. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, correctly fitting and in good repair. Each item must be clearly labelled with a laundry marker or name tapes and the school takes no responsibility for loss of items. If the school has a problem with any aspect of a pupil's appearance, parents will be contacted to resolve the issue. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Parents need to discuss these arrangements with the Head Teacher.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with 'micro pore' in line with our PE and Health and Safety Policies, to prevent them from causing injury. Pupils should not wear earrings if they are attending swimming lessons. The school will not be held responsible for any items of jewellery lost during PE sessions as it does not encourage or support them being worn to school.

Hair

The school does encourage children to have sensible hair designs which do not distract other children from their learning. Hair accessories, such as hairbands, bows and clips, should be discreet and navy (or red for Y6) in colour. Large bows or coloured hair accessories are not permitted. Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied up at all times.

Nails and makeup: We do not allow pupils to wear nail varnish or makeup in school.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe footwear that are smart and black in colour. Boots should not be worn and trainers are only permitted for P.E. lessons.

P.E.

Our P.E. kit consists of a yellow polo shirt, preferably with the school logo, navy blue shorts, navy blue long socks and trainers. The children may wear a plain navy-blue tracksuit, plain navy blue jogging bottoms and school sweatshirt (or suitable alternative of the same colour) in cold weather. On PE days, children will be expected to come into school wearing their PE kit.

Sourcing uniform

Our uniform can be ordered directly from a company called Mapac, (the information sheet is at the back of the policy). We currently hold some second-hand uniform and if we have the right size, these are offered to parents while they are waiting for their delivery, second-hand is £1 per item. Alternatively, parents can purchase the second-hand at frequent sales which are often linked to other school events (eg class cake sales). Parents may also purchase clothing from their own chosen supplier. Most items of uniform required are readily available from supermarkets or department stores or on-line. If families need support with school uniforms, it is important to contact the school so we can offer help.

General Appearance

It is the expectation that at all times, polo shirts will be tucked in.

Uniform Specifications

Autumn and Spring Term:

St Sebastian's light blue polo shirt, preferably with the school logo.

St Sebastian's sweatshirt or navy cardigan, preferably with the school logo (please note Year 6 wear a red sweatshirt, preferably with the school logo).

Charcoal Grey trousers

Charcoal Grey skirt or pinafore dress

Grey socks

Grey tights (not for children in Nursery)

Smart black shoes

Summer term:

As above, but children may also wear:

Charcoal Grey shorts

Charcoal Grey skirt or pinafore dress or light blue and white gingham dress (red and white gingham dress for Year 6)

If they are wearing a gingham dress, grey or white socks must be worn.



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- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out. (See the 3 steps below)

1. Search for your school

2. Shop your school's unique online uniform page then click basket

3. Follow the steps & log-in or register. Complete your order & pay

2. ORDERING GUIDE

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Delivery Option	Delivery Charge
Delivery to your home year round	Free - over £50 £3.95 - under £50

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