

# **St Katherine's C of E Primary School**



## **School Uniform Policy FEB 2024**

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## 1) Aims & Objectives

Our school uniform policy aims to ...

- ✓ promote a sense of pride in our school;
- ✓ help create a sense of community, belonging and common identity for all pupils;
- ✓ support our commitment to inclusion and equality;
- ✓ prevent children from wearing latest fashions and so helping to reduce the possibility of bullying and peer pressure;
- ✓ be practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- ✓ be considered good value for money by most parents and carers;

## 2) Expectations

We expect all pupils to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored. Any pupil who falls short of these requirements will be advised by a member of staff and given the opportunity to improve. Continued failure to comply will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher.

Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school as soon as possible if they are experiencing any financial difficulties regarding school uniform. These matters will be dealt with in confidence and the school will offer support and advice as appropriate in these instances.

## 3) The Role of Parents & Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and P.E. kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on **all** items.

Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school as soon as possible if they are experiencing any difficulties regarding the provision of school uniform for their child. These matters will be dealt with in confidence and the school will offer support and advice as appropriate in these instances.

## 4) The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers 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.

#### 4) Providing Value for Money

The school gives high priority to consideration of the cost of school uniform for parents and carers. We believe our uniform requirements help to keep the cost of school uniform at a reasonable level by ...

- ✓ choosing a school uniform supplier which offers good value for money on branded and non-branded items
- ✓ allowing for parents and carers to purchase many of the non-branded school uniform items at other major retail outlets at competitive prices, if they prefer to
- ✓ limiting the number of compulsory branded school uniform items (for Key Stage 2 pupils only, a branded blazer and school tie are compulsory)
- ✓ choosing colours and styles which are common and easy to source from alternative providers, should parents and carers not wish to use our chosen supplier

#### 5) Where to Buy School Uniform

Branded school uniform (i.e. items bearing the St. Katherine's C of E Primary School logo), ties and other non-branded items can be purchased via our chosen uniform suppliers ...

##### **My Clothing Ltd**

<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-katherines-church-of-england-primary-school-29072>

##### **Marks & Spencer - Your School Uniform (until October 2024)**

<https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/>

Marks & Spencer and My Clothing Ltd were chosen as the school's uniform suppliers as they offer good value for money. We believe that their service provides high quality, machine washable clothing, and other uniform items, at competitive prices.

NB: Non-branded uniform items can also be purchased at many other major stores at competitive prices.

Drawstring kit bags and sew-on school logo badges (for blazers purchased elsewhere) are available to purchase from the school using the Eduspot (online payment system for parents and carers) Shop facility.

<https://eduspot.co.uk/>

#### 6) Jewellery

Pupils must not wear jewellery to school. The only exceptions are a **watch** (digital or analogue only - no Smart watches permitted) and **plain stud earrings**. Earrings **must** be removed for P.E. and swimming lessons. If earrings cannot be removed by the child, or have not been removed by parents or carers before school, the child will not be able to take part in the P.E./swimming lesson. No responsibility will be taken for any jewellery in school.

## **7) Hair**

Hairstyles must be appropriate for school, natural hair colours only and with no extremes of style permitted (this includes extensions, designs cut/shaved into hair, bright coloured highlights/dyes, bleached etc.).

Long (from collar length) hair must be tied back. Bobbles, hair bands, headbands etc. must be plain and in navy blue, pale blue, grey or black only.

## **8) Rucksacks & School Bags**

Branded school rucksacks and school bags are available to purchase from our chosen school uniform supplier (see Section 5 above).

For P.E., swimming, after/before school clubs, and all other purposes, drawstring kitbags are available to purchase from the school using the Eduspot (online payment system for parents and carers) Shop facility (see Section 5 above).

If parents and carers prefer to purchase plain navy blue bags, kitbags and rucksacks elsewhere, they must ensure the item is very similar in size and style (no bigger).

No other style/size/colour of bag or rucksack is permitted.

## **9) Coats & Jackets**

Children are required to have a coat or jacket in school, appropriate for the weather conditions at the time.

Where possible, we ask that these are in the school uniform colours but we understand that this may not always be easy when looking for best value, so other colours are permitted.

## **10) Shoes**

Shoes must be black or navy blue, closed in and of a school style. No trainers or boots are to be worn as part of the daily school uniform.

For P.E. black plimsolls or trainers are permitted (a small area of other colour is permitted on trainers).

Nursery and Reception pupils will need a pair of wellies, which will be kept in school.

### **11) Nails & Make Up**

Pupils are not permitted to wear makeup, nail varnish, fake nails, acrylics, gels etc. in school.

### **12) Items of Religious Clothing**

Other items of clothing may be worn for religious reasons only but must be in school colours – navy blue, pale blue, black or grey

### **13) General**

- ✓ Skirts, dresses, culottes, divided skirts and tailored shorts must be just above the knee or longer.
- ✓ If parents and carers, or pupils, are concerned about modesty, lycra or stretch shorts may be worn under dresses and skirts, provided they are no longer than the skirt/dress.
- ✓ No clothing bearing any logo, other than the school logo, are to be worn.

### **14) Second-Hand Uniform**

In order to offer support to those parents and carers who may experience financial difficulty meeting school uniform requirements, second-hand uniform can be obtained, free of charge, no questions asked, from the Canvey Island School Uniform Bank (CISUB). This is run from the Community Suite at Castle View School each Thursday from 10am – 2pm. Donations of used school uniform can also be handed into CISUB staff at these times.

### **15) Naming Uniform Items**

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that **all** items of uniform are clearly marked with their child's name (inc. clothing, coats, P.E. kit, shoes, bags etc.).

## 16) School Uniform List

### Daily School Uniform items

Item	Colour	Notes
Skirt	Grey or Black	School style only
Trousers	Grey or Black	School style only
Pinafore	Grey or Black	School style only
Shirt	Pale Blue	Collared school style only. Long and short sleeve shirts are permitted.
Blazer with school logo *	Navy Blue	<b>Compulsory for Years 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>
Polo Shirt	Pale Blue	School style only. Only permitted for Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2. <b>Not permitted for Years 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6.</b>
Sweatshirt	Navy Blue	School style only
Jumper	Navy Blue	School style only
Cardigan	Navy Blue	School style only
Double Stripe Tie	Navy Blue with Pale Blue double stripe	<b>Compulsory for Years 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>
Summer Dress	Pale Blue and White check	School style only – <b>may be worn in the Summer term and first half of the Autumn term only</b> **
Tailored Shorts	Grey or Black	School style only – <b>may be worn in the Summer term and first half of the Autumn term only</b> **
Baseball Cap or Kepi Cap	Navy Blue	Not to be worn in the school building

\* Blazers bearing the school logo can be purchased via our chosen supplier. If parents and carers prefer to purchase a plain school blazer elsewhere, a sew-on logo badge must be purchased from the Eduspot Shop facility (see section 5 above).

\*\* No summer dresses or tailored shorts to be worn after the October half-term break

### P.E. Kit items

Item	Colour	Notes
P.E. T Shirt	Pale Blue	Plain or with School Logo only
P.E. Shorts/Joggers	Navy Blue	
Plimsolls or Trainers	Black	Trainers may have a small area of other colour but must be mainly black

## **17) Equality**

We, as a school community, have a commitment to promote equality. 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.