

St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our website.

Aims and Objectives

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

- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform

We take great pride in our children and our school. This is reflected in the uniform we wear. Please follow these guidelines ensuring your child is wearing the right uniform for the time of year.

Winter Uniform

- Grey or black trousers / grey skirt or pinafore
- Polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper / cardigan
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- White / grey socks / tights

Summer Uniform

The following may be worn as an alternative to the above uniform:

- Polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Yellow checked dress

NB: School uniform does not need to have the school logo but this is an option available and information can be found on the school website and from the school office.

PE Kit

Children take part in P.E. twice a week so need their kit in every Monday. We prefer that it comes to school and stays in school for the half-term.

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- White socks

- Trainers (outdoor) / Black pumps (indoor)
- Dark coloured jogging bottoms / tracksuit may be worn outside in winter.

Please Note: Nursery children DO NOT require a PE kit

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- Stud earrings
- Watches

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Special Circumstances

We believe all pupils at St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School should feel welcomed and able to celebrate their own religion and beliefs. For this reason, the school will consider reasonable requests for flexibility in the uniform policy for an individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability, or other special circumstances.

Second Hand Uniform

The school are committed to ensure that all families have access to school uniform. For help and support with school uniform please contact the Education Welfare Officer in school

School Uniform Policy NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states: 'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools 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. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.