



St. William of York Catholic Primary School

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School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction 1.1

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 school website (www.swoy.lewisham.sch.uk)

2 Aims and objectives

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

- 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;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. 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.

3.2 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

4. Hair

4.1 Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons, and to avoid the spread of hair lice.

5 Footwear

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is important to wear sturdy and supportive school shoes. Ballet pumps and open-toed shoes are not suitable for school wear. Trainers are appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We expect all children to wear black shoes, not ankle boots, and Kicker style/DM boots are not part of our uniform

6 The role of parents

6.1 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.

6.2. 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.

7 The role of governors

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

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

9 Uniform

The School Uniform is:

- Navy blue school logo sweatshirt (available from Wearabouts in Sydenham)
- White polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Short or long **mid-grey** school trousers
- **Navy** school skirt or **navy** culottes
- Tights or socks should be **plain** (grey or white)
- Plain navy/black hair bands – long hair must be tied back for school
- **Light blue check/gingham dress** (Summer Uniform)
Available from all supermarkets - a 'playsuit' is not suitable as an alternative to the summer dress.

The Early Years Foundation School uniform is slightly different as ALL children wear grey elasticated trousers in Nursery and Reception (no skirts) in the Autumn and Spring terms. In the summer, pupils may wear a light blue gingham summer dress

- Coats – there is not a uniform coat. However, please avoid bodywarmers and make sure it is appropriate for the weather ie. warm and waterproof.
- School fleece and/or raincoat (navy blue with school logo) are optional. This does not replace the sweatshirt.

P.E. Kit

- T-shirt – **navy blue with school logo** (available from Wearabouts in Sydenham)
- PE shorts – **plain** navy blue
- Trainers or plimsolls (Black or white or dark coloured – **no bright colours or trainer boots**)
- Sweatshirt tops (**plain navy** and no zips or hoods)
- Jogging bottoms should be **plain** navy.
- No logos please!
- No zips

The only items that need to be bought from the uniform supplier are the school sweatshirt, PE t-shirt and bookbag.

All other items can be bought from a range of supermarkets, and children's clothes stores.

St William of York currently has one supplier who is able to provide the 3 items of clothing with the school logo. This is Wearabouts, in Sydenham. Items can be ordered online <https://wearaboutsschoolwear.co.uk/>

Second-hand Uniform

The parents' association, known as SWOYSA, collects and distributes free secondhand uniform. It is available at SWOYSA Tea Afternoons, and on request to the school office.

If a parent is struggling financially, the school has access to the Parish Crisis Fund and may be able to secure a donation to support a family to buy school uniform.

NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform (updated November 2021) and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states:

'We strongly encourage schools to have a uniform as it can play a key role in:

- *promoting the ethos of a school*
- *providing a sense of belonging and identity*
- *setting an appropriate tone for education*

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