

St. George's (VC) CE Primary School
School Uniform Policy
Next Review date: **September 2018**



Principles

Our policy is that all children at St Georges CEP should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe that certain school activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing (including organised events outside normal school hours).

Aims

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents.

All children (Reception – Year 6) need:

- Blue crew neck sweatshirt/sweatshirt cardigan (logo optional)
- White polo-shirt (logo optional)
- Grey school trousers
- Navy Skirts
- White socks with flat, black sensible school shoes. Shoes are to be plain with no coloured logos. Plain black trainers are not acceptable. Crocs or open toed sandals are not acceptable.
- book bag with logo (optional)
- during summer months, pupils may wear a blue gingham dress.
- during winter months, children may wear wellington boots to school but these **MUST** be stored in a bag and indoor shoes worn whilst inside the building
- Optional blue St Georges zip fleece and waterproof jacket otherwise sensible warm coats

For PE all children (Reception – Year 6) need:

- House coloured t-shirt
- Dark PE shorts or track-suit bottoms
- plimsolls/trainers
- gym bag to keep these in at school (logo optional)
- swimming hat

PE Kit should be worn for After School sporting clubs. All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo.

St George's uniform can be ordered and purchased at the school office.

Jewellery and Headwear

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for small studs and watches). We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons.

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code, or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner.

Where a school has good reason for restricting an individual's freedoms, for example, the promotion of cohesion and good order in the school, or genuine health and safety or security considerations, the restriction of an individual's rights to manifest their religion or belief may be justified. St George's School will balance the rights of individual pupils against the best interests of the school community as a whole. Nevertheless, it should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within a school uniform policy and the governing body will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating these.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

Role of Classteacher and Support Staff

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The classteacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. If children continually attend school wearing clothing which is deemed not to be uniform they are to be referred to the Head of School.

Role of the Headteacher

- The Headteacher of his representative is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Headteacher will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- The school will follow the DfE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

Equalities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. St Georges School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

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