

ST MARY'S BENTWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Date for review: **Jan 2027**



Ownership: Education Committee	Linked to: Health & Safety; SMSC, Equalities Policy, Teaching & Learning (Curriculum eg PE); Home-School Agreement: Pupil & Parent Promises
Review committee: Education Committee, Headteacher	
Communicated to: Parents, Staff and FGB	
Evaluation: (inc links to evidence) Jan 2024 clause referring to electronic watches and other similar devices not being worn in school Jan 2025 additional uniform added (red fleece) Sept 2025 AfPE (Assn of Physical Education) Guidance for children for schools, Sports Clubs and active settings (on wearing of jewellery/Religious artefacts(p3)	

"DfE strongly encourages 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, and setting an appropriate tone for education".

**From our St Mary's Pupil Promise:
'Wear our school uniform so we look smart and ready to learn'**

Rationale:

At St Mary's we believe that all pupils should wear a smart school uniform as it helps to achieve both a sense of identity and belonging, one of our core values. As a member of our school the children can feel that they truly belong in wearing their uniform and an effectively promote the ethos and set an appropriate tone for learning.

Safeguarding:

Particularly on trips (e.g., Young Voices at 02, Windsor Castle) it is easier to identify pupils as they are wearing our uniform and as a member of the school the children can be proud to wear it within the wider community.

At St Mary's for safeguarding reasons our policy is that we do not allow pupils to wear electronic watches eg Smart watches, watches that record, send SOS messages, take photos (manufacturer examples include Apple, Garman, Spacetalk) and other similar technologies.

Aims:

The aim of our school in our pupils wearing school uniform is to:

- Create a 'safer' environment of shared identity, openness and acceptance of each other as being part of the same school
- Develop confidence in being proud of their uniform and connection to their school
- Set an appropriate tone for education and learning
- Require pupils to tie back hair longer than shoulder length to maintain a neat appearance, adhere to safety regulations and prevent the spread of head lice
- Ensure the uniform is catering well in style and comfort for all age groups, able and non-able-bodied children
- Ensure it is affordable and does not place an unreasonable burden on families
- Ensure it is durable and of good quality, thus lasting much longer, more suitable for re-sale and longer-lasting, producing savings for families over the longer term
- Enable easy access and low price for pre-loved (2nd-hand) good quality uniform and to encourage these donations so that items are readily available across all year groups; details displayed on our school website and in school newsletters
- Encourage good behaviour when a child feels part of a team, part of their school
- Avoid branded goods acknowledging moral dilemma and pressure that can be caused by families unable to afford pricier items (can act as a social leveller, preventing peer pressure to wear the latest fashion or other expensive clothes)
- Avoid frequent changes to specification and if necessary, acknowledge a reasonable time for transition
- Engage with parents and pupils when developing school uniform policy
- Avoid the need for purchasing additional items for extra-curricular activities
- Give parents choice to buy generic items from a range of retailers

Implementation: Uniform and Kit list

Detailed on page 3 is a list of our current school uniform. Year R pupils are allowed to wear polo-shirts, whereas Years 1-6 wear white shirt with tie in the winter months. Dresses can be worn in the summer/warmer months if preferred.

St Mary's School Uniform and Kit List

Either/or	
Winter	Navy skirt/pinafore/trousers White shirt with tie Red school V-neck jumper, cardigan or red fleece Navy/red tights White or navy socks Year R Polo-shirts Black/navy school shoes
Summer	Red checked dress or navy shorts/trousers Red school V-neck jumper, cardigan or red fleece White shirt with tie White or navy socks Year R Polo shirts Black/navy shoes
PE (this is worn for whole school day on PE days)	Navy shorts/cycle shorts/navy jogging bottoms Red or white T-shirt with School logo Navy/read sweatshirt with school logo Trainers suitable for sport Note PE guidance on wearing jewellery below
Bookbags	Choice of red or blue; Years R/1 tend to use; optional from Ash Class upwards

Children will require black or navy school shoes; slip-on shoes should be practical and well-fitted to ensure health and safety on site (avoidance of slips, trips and falls). No boots allowed apart from wellington boots in winter months, with change of shoes for indoor use.

Following AfPE national review 2025, PE guidance for schools is for children to remove earrings and other jewellery. At St Mary's we advise on PE days **BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL** these items are removed. Only newly pierced ears should be taped, although we recommend piercings are done at the start of the summer holiday to allow for healing. Religious artefacts should also be removed or made safe with sweatbands used to cover bracelets if they cannot be taken off.

Legionnaire /safari red sun caps are available from Skoolkit as optional items.

Year 3 children will need a pair of swimming trunks/swimming costume and all children will require a swimming hat when attending sessions, usually in the summer term. Goggles are recommended.

Stockists

School uniform is available from our pre-loved stock kindly donated by parents and is kept in cupboards located in the school hall via the side entrance.

New uniform providers are:

- Skoolkit online www.skoolkit.co.uk and in store in Basingstoke
- Myclothing www.myclothing.com