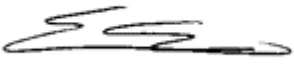




St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

UNIFORM POLICY

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POLICY FOR LEARNING ABOUT ME

MISSION

Our Mission

Respect yourself.

Respect everyone in our school community.

Respect everyone in our local community.

Respect everyone in our global community.

But most of all, respect God our Father in Heaven.

Aims of the policy

Our school uniform reflects our shared identity as a school family. It helps children feel a sense of belonging and pride in being part of our community.

Through our uniform policy, we aim:

- To promote belonging and equality, ensuring all children feel valued as members of our school community and reducing visible differences between pupils.
- To encourage pride and responsibility, helping children understand that the way we present ourselves reflects respect for ourselves, each other and our school.
- To support a positive attitude to learning, helping children recognise that coming to school in uniform is part of being ready to learn and participate fully in school life.
- To reflect our school values, encouraging respect, service and a sense of community through shared expectations.
- To ensure comfort, safety and practicality, providing clear guidance so children can take part confidently in all aspects of school life, including play, sport and outdoor learning.
- To support families, ensuring our uniform expectations are reasonable, accessible and mindful of cost.

Our uniform is not about everyone being the same; it is about recognising that every child belongs. We know that children are much more than what they wear, but shared symbols and routines help build the strong, caring community in which every child can flourish.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Learning About Me Policy and Rights & Responsibilities Policy.

We strongly advise that you do not have your child's full name embroidered onto their jumpers, coats or school bags – this is in order to keep your child safe when out in the community.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are named with either sewn in name labels or with permanent marker pen – a pen is always available from the office.

Reasonable adjustments can be made, where necessary, for SEND pupils and those who have sensory issues. Please liaise with the school.

Please note that we have made every effort to keep the costs of uniform as low as possible and **the only branded items that you will need to buy are the following:**

- **Reception: School tracksuit top and trousers and gold polo shirts**
- **Years 1-6 inclusive: Jumper/cardigan with school logo and ties**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE UNIFORM FOR OUR RECEPTION CHILDREN (THEIR 1ST YEAR IN SCHOOL) IS DIFFERENT TO THE REST OF THE SCHOOL.

The school gifts a school branded book bag to all new starters in reception.

UNIFORM SHOPS which sell St. Helen's uniform:

- Brand Identity <https://www.b-id.co.uk/>
- Schoolwear Centres <https://schoolwearcentres.com/>

All other items of uniform can be bought from a shop/supermarket of your choosing.

If your child is entitled to pupil premium support and you need help with the cost of uniform, please get in touch with the office.

To help all families with uniform:

- We have a collection of previously enjoyed school uniform in the front entrance which families can help themselves to
- We ask that families donate any unwanted uniform to the office.
- Towards the end of the summer term, we host a recycling of uniform event where we ask families to donate any unwanted uniform and to help themselves to any uniform that they need for their family.

OUR WINTER UNIFORM FOR RECEPTION PUPILS

School tracksuit (navy) – sweatshirt with school logo and trousers

Gold polo shirt with school logo

Black school shoes – preferably with Velcro fastenings – no boots please

A warm, waterproof coat

Hat and gloves (as needed)

For outdoor learning, wellington boots

OUR WINTER UNIFORM FOR PUPILS (YEARS 1-6)

Grey straight legged school trousers (not stretchy material or leggings)

Navy blue pinafore dress or navy blue skirt – knee length

White long sleeved shirt or blouse (but not polo shirts)

A school tie – elasticated option for those who prefer it

School jumper or cardigan with school logo on it

White, black or grey socks

Navy blue or grey tights

Black school shoes with enclosed toes and heels – no boots or high heels

A warm waterproof coat
Hat and gloves (as needed)
Old clothes for nature area days

OUR SUMMER UNIFORM FOR RECEPTION PUPILS

Blue and white checked gingham dress – any shade of blue
Blue or grey school shorts
Gold polo shirts
Black shoes or black, white or navy sandals with enclosed toes and heels – preferably which they can fasten themselves
Any sun cap – does not have to have a school logo on it.
School sweatshirt or school cardigan or school jumper

OUR SUMMER UNIFORM FOR PUPILS (YEARS 1-6)

Blue and white checked gingham dress – any shade of blue
Blue and white playsuit (same material as summer dresses) - please make sure that your child is able to remove this in order to go to the toilet - maybe more suitable for year 2 upwards.
Grey school shorts or grey school trousers
White long or short sleeved shirts or blouses (not polo tops)
School ties – will be removed on hot days
School cardigan or jumper
Socks – grey, black or white

P.E. KIT (YEARS 1-6)

Kit needs to be in school at all times and will be sent home at half terms for washing.
Navy blue shorts
A plain T-shirt in the colour of your child's house (red, blue, yellow or green)
P.E. bag (doesn't need to be a branded St. Helen's bag - just a drawstring bag)
Trainers for outdoor activities
Plain blue or black tracksuit during cold weather (optional)

SWIMMING KITS

Swimming trunks or 1 piece swimsuit
Towel
Swimming cap (compulsory)
Waterproof named bag

HAIR STYLES

Short hair should be neat and tidy please.
Any hair that is shoulder length or longer or of a length that restricts vision, must be tied back during PE for health and safety reasons.
No haircuts should be of an extreme style with patterns or lines shaved into the hair, tramlines, Mohican cuts or dyed hair.

OTHER FAITH HEAD COVERINGS

Hijabs or headscarves – plain blue, black or white

JEWELLERY

Earrings – For health and safety reasons, earrings should only be stud earrings – 1 in each ear. On P.E. days – earrings should either be removed before school (by the parent/carer if necessary) or they must be removed before the lesson by the pupil and stored safely. For health and safety reasons earrings must not be taped.

We strongly recommend that new ear piercing happens at the beginning of the summer holiday. Children who are unable to remove their earrings will not be able to actively participate in PE.

Watches allowed but no smart watches please.

Year 5 and 6 pupils may bring phones to school especially if walking home without an adult but they must be handed into the office before school and collected at the end of the day. They must not be used as cameras and are brought into school at your own risk.

No necklaces should be worn in school.

Make-up or nail varnish should not be worn in school.

We ask all families to support our school uniform policy as closely as possible.

There will be times, especially during periods of hot weather, when uniform policy is relaxed.