



ST PAUL'S

Church of England Primary School

We are a Christian School and we value being:
Encouraging and challenging;
Brave and kind;
Thankful and thoughtful.



Our school vision:

Matthew 19:14a Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me'.

We are all equally important, listened to and loved by God

School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

At St Paul's we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask that children either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster.

Please note: teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

We support children wearing watches in school, and see this as something that can enhance their education. If children wear watches in school, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to make this choice, the school cannot be held responsible for any breakages or theft. Fitness tracker watches, such as 'Fitbits', are allowed, but only with parental permission. The school does not allow smart watches whereby photos and videos can be taken and any other watch of a value considered to be significant.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain or burgundy to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or brightly coloured hair (colours out of the ordinary natural colour range) such as blue, green, pink etc. If a pupil's hair is considered to be extreme, the class teacher will inform the parent/carers and request this to be rectified.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear on PE days and non-uniform days, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Boots that hinder children from sitting comfortably on the carpet and those that do not provide appropriate support are also not permitted, as we believe these are most commonly in keeping with fashion and labels. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list only. If a child has a medical reason for needing to wear alternative footwear, we require a letter from the parent/carer outlining the reasons for this.

The Role of Parents and Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents/carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day, if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents/carers will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Headteacher will consider such requests sympathetically. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably. If any parent/carer would like to request an exception to the Uniform Policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher and then the governing body.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this Policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school Uniform Policy is consistent with our policy on Equal Opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this Policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents and carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

St Paul's Uniform

- White or burgundy polo shirt (with or without the school logo);
- Burgundy cardigan or jumper (with or without the school logo);
- Black or grey trousers, black or grey 'school' shorts;
- Black or grey skirt (skirts should be worn at knee length);
- Black shoes/boots of sensible design (i.e. flat shoes only, no trainers, no sandals);
- Black, grey or white socks;
- Black or grey tights;
- During the warmer months, a red & white gingham summer dress, (worn at knee length);

PE Kit:

House colour short-sleeved t-shirt or polo shirt. No logos or brand markings. Polo shirts with the school logo can be worn and are available to purchase at Stitch Tech.

<https://www.stitchtech.co.uk/product-category/school-uniforms/>

- St David (yellow)
- St Andrew (blue)
- St Patrick (green)
- St George (red)
- Black shorts, black tracksuits bottoms or black leggings (no logos or brand markings);
- Black plimsolls (indoor PE lessons);
- Trainers (outdoor PE sessions)

House Days:

House colour short-sleeved t-shirt or polo shirt. No logos or brand markings. Polo shirts with the school logo can be worn and are available to purchase via the Stitch Tech

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- St David (yellow)
- St Andrew (blue)
- St Patrick (green)
- St George (red)
- Black shorts, black tracksuits bottoms or black leggings (no logos or brand markings);
- Or House colour bottoms (no logos or brand markings) – these are optional.
- School jumper or cardigan to be worn over the top if needed.

School uniform with a logo on can be purchased from Stitch-Tech and MyClothing; however, this is not a requirement. School uniform without a logo can be bought at most major supermarkets and clothing shops (e.g. Asda, Sainsburys, Tesco, Marks and Spencer).

MyClothing website:

https://myclothing.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwntCVBhDdARIsAMewACm3VK2yDOAsbFReH4fjkhAEB63I_EdTcoE7QGkha0AT1hPv_rcrN1UaAhT4EALw_wcB

This Policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.