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School Uniform Policy

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1. 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. 2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the Headteacher who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3. 3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary

- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, limiting the number of items that have a school logo.
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. 4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

- Royal blue jumper with school logo. An alternative to this is a cardigan,
- White polo shirt with the school logo, (a plain white polo shirt is an acceptable alternative),
- Grey or black trousers or shorts,
- Grey or black skirts may be worn throughout the year and royal blue and white gingham dresses may be worn (usually in the hotter months),
- Black shoes,
- Trainers may be worn outside but may not be worn in school.

Our PE kit consists of:

- White T-shirt (these are available with a logo, if required),
- Blue shorts,
- In colder months, jogging trousers may be worn – dark colour (grey, black or navy blue).
- If it is cold, pupils may wear a school jumper on top of their PE T-shirt. They may not bring in non-school uniform jumpers or hoodies,
- Trainers,
- Hair long enough to be tied must be tied back for PE for safety reasons.

Our Swimming kit consists of:

- Swimming costume for girls (all in one, not bikini),
- Swimming trunks for boys, fitted shorts may be worn but nothing too baggy (e.g. Bermuda shorts)
- Pupils must bring their own towel,
- Pupils may bring goggles – they are responsible for these,
- Hair long enough to be tied back must be tied for swimming.

Jewellery:

- No jewellery may be worn to school,
- If your child has pierced ears, they may wear stud earrings only.

Hairstyles:

- Hair must be smart,

- Pupils with hair long enough to tie up may be asked to tie it up for school activities e.g. DT, PE or for any reason linked with safety.
- Pupils may not dye their hair (unless it is part of an agreed activity/themed day e.g. World Book Day/TT Rockstars Day)

4.2 Where to purchase it

➤ Any school uniform with a logo may be purchased from school. If you wish to buy an alternative without a logo, please shop around for the best price – high street stores, including supermarkets, are often a good place to start.

Second Hand Sales:

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will arrange second-hand uniform sales – we will advertise this on our newsletter or contact St. John's School to let them know (re Year 2 parents)

5. 5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the Headteacher. In the first instance, pupils will be reminded of expectations. If they continue to be in breach of the policy, their class teacher will contact the parent/carer to remind them of the school's uniform policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. 6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the governing board.

7. 7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy