



St James CofE Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Principles

Our policy is that all children 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 (Nursery – Year 6) need:

- burgundy St James crew neck sweat shirt/sweatshirt cardigan
- white polo t-shirt or shirt grey or black school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
- black flat sensible school shoes (shoes are to be plain with no coloured logos)
- St James book bag
- In warm weather girls may wear a red gingham dress and boys grey/black shorts

Optional burgundy St James zip fleece

In warm weather caps and sunglasses are encouraged

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

- white T-shirt
- black PE shorts or track-suit bottoms
- plimsolls/trainers
- gym bag to keep these in at school.

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 if possible.

Uniform can be ordered and purchased at the school office. The school office carries a small stock of sweatshirts, fleeces, caps and bags. Alternatively uniform can be purchased from A.E. Oakes Ltd, Vicarage Road, Oldbury. Also, Tesco online supply St James uniform.

Jewellery, Headwear and Hairstyles

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for small studs and watches). The ears cannot be covered with tape for P.E. and pupils must remove earrings on the day of the P.E. or swimming lesson. If for any reason the earrings cannot be removed, the pupil will not be allowed to take part in P.E. or swimming lessons.

We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons. Please note that hairbands and clips should be simple and functional: hair Jewellery, for example decorative slides or bobbles are not allowed. Hair braids are not allowed. Hair styles must be of a conventional style acceptable to the school. Fashion cuts, for examples tramlines, short shaved, highlighted or dyed styles are not permitted nor are excessive hair gels etc. If in doubt, please check before having your child's hair styled.

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 the Class Teachers 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 class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. If they still are not wearing the uniform they are to be referred to the Headteacher.

Role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher 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 Senior Leadership Team will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct 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 James C of E Primary 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.