

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY



St Margaret's Church of England Primary School
- Uniform Policy -

Introduction

It is compulsory at St. Margaret's CE Primary School for all children to wear school uniform when attending our school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Below is our school uniform policy, which includes a comprehensive list of the items needed to adhere to our policy.

Some items of uniform described below can be bought from school. However, children are not limited to these items as we appreciate that other similar items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

Any changes in uniform will be done through a consultation process with parents and will only be implemented in a phased timeframe.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school and promotes a sense of harmony between different groups in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- is practical and smart
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class and be costly
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind
- security: the school needs to be able to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and identify intruders easily.

The role of parents

As uniform is compulsory, we ask all parents who send their children to our school support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to modify the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

We ask that parents clearly name all items of clothing (including PE kit) so that any misplaced items can be returned.

The role of Governors

The governing body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors regularly liaise with the Head Teacher 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. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform

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- Royal blue school sweatshirt, blue school fleece or blue school cardigan
- Grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers
- Yellow or blue polo shirt
- White or grey socks
- During the summer months, girls may prefer to wear a blue and white checked dress and boys may prefer to wear grey shorts

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school. Although trainers are appropriate for sport or leisurewear, we do not believe that they are in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We therefore require all children to wear sensible, flat black school shoes or boots with enclosed toes.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these items during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. A small watch may also be worn.

Hair & Make up

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, this includes hair colouring. We have a no make-up, visible temporary tattoos or nail varnish policy. Long hair must be kept tied back at all times with a plain bobble and an appropriate style for shorter hair.

Swimming

Swimming hats are required for all girls and boys with longer hair.

PE

For health and safety reasons, it is important that all children have a change of clothes for PE. Our school PE kit is as follows:

- Plain black or navy shorts. Plain blue or black jogging bottoms are recommended for the winter months
- Appropriate plimsolls or trainers
- Plain white t-shirt
- A blue or black hoodie or zip up should be worn during the winter months to save school jumpers getting dirty.

Non-Compliance

If non-compliance becomes an on-going issue, parents will be invited into school for a meeting with the Head Teacher to discuss the issues and reasons surrounding non-compliance.

If the issue is due to cost implications, the school will aim to assist by providing second-hand uniform where possible.

If non-compliance continues, the matter will be discussed with Governors and governors will seek parental views.

The school will attempt to provide children with a school uniform upon arrival at school.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Ensuring parents abide by the school uniform policy;
- Requiring the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

This policy will be reviewed in full by the Governing Body on an annual basis.

This policy has been reviewed and updated in **November 2018**.

Next review date: **November 2019**.