



At St George's, God calls us by name to love,
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

'I have called you by your name; you are mine' /isaiah 43

Uniform Policy 2025

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and in this policy.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- 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;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could prove both excessively expensive for some parents and socially divisive in class;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform dates

Children can wear either summer or winter uniform when they return from the summer holiday in September.

All children will wear winter uniform when they return after the October half term.

All children will change to summer uniform when they return after the Easter holiday for the summer term.

Winter Uniform

- White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will wear the school embroidered polo shirt*
- Tailored grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate), plain grey pinafore/skirt
- Grey or white socks,
- Grey or navy tights ~ not NAVY socks
- Black shoes
- School jumper or cardigan *
- Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Yr 1 & 2)*
- School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)
- Red, white, navy or black hair band/scrunchie/bow
- School embroidered knitted hat or other warm hat which is plain in design and suitable/practical for school

Summer Uniform

- School embroidered polo shirt*
- Tailored grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate) **or** skirt
- Red and white check summer dress/playsuit
- Grey or white socks
- White or navy tights
- Black shoes
- School jumper or cardigan *
- School reversible fleece jacket* or a waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)
- School embroidered baseball/summer hat * or a sunhat/cap with neck protector which is plain in design and suitable/practical for school
- Red, white, navy or black hair band/scrunchie/bow

PE Kit

- School embroidered red t-shirt*
- Navy shorts* (for indoor)
- Plain all black or all navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings -no stripes/patterns/other colours (for outside)
- School PE sweatshirt or fleece* or a plain red sweat shirt
- Trainers/plimsolls
- School embroidered baseball/summer hat * or a sunhat/cap with neck protector which is plain in design and suitable/practical for school

Items marked * are available to purchase through our school uniform supplier. You can access the site [HERE](#) All other items can be purchased from clothing outlets/supermarkets

Plain means no logos, slogans, brand names, inappropriate symbols etc.

At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance and this includes wearing a sun hat/cap. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be plain with no bold, fashion logos. Red is the preferred colour as it enables us to easily identify the children walking to church, sports events etc.

Seasonal safety

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet.

On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a school hat or cap with the peak of the cap facing forwards to protect the face. For fuller protection, including face, neck and ears, sunhats with a wider brim, or caps with additional protection for necks and ears can be worn.

- wearing an appropriate SPF sunscreen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought to school to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sunscreen).

Children may also wear sunglasses with a CE mark which conform to British Standard BS EN 18361977 and are of a design/colour compatible with school.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. If a child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. In the rare cases when a child cannot remove their earrings, we insist that the earrings are taped over with micropore tape or plasters. This is to be done before they come into school, by a parent/adult, as they will be more securely taped for the day. This will also ensure that the child does not miss any learning time, taping their own ears, and there will be less chance of the tape coming loose.

The wearing of earrings may result in the child not being able to participate in some team P.E. activities. In addition to this, they will not be able to attend after school sporting clubs, nor be able to use the trim trail or adventure playground (including at break or lunch times). Children may wear a plain, inexpensive watch, but if it is able to access or be linked to apps/media technology, or makes disruptive noises, the child will have to remove it.

Hair and make-up

Hair should be away from the face so as to not cause a distraction, and should be presentable and suitable for school. The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts; this includes logos or patterns cut into the hair. Children's hair should not be coloured or bleached. Hair bands, clips etc should be red, white, navy or black. Make up and/or nail varnish should not be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate and should be washed off.

Footwear

Children spend upwards of seven hours a day in their school shoes. They see them through class, breaktime, lunchtime and home time, so it's important that they're comfortable, fit well and are designed to withstand the range of activities of everyday school life.

What to look for in a school shoe

The right style

The school's policy is that all children must wear school shoes. We do not allow children to wear boots or trainers as an alternative. Winter boots/ wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather, but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day. Trainers can be worn on P.E. days. Children can also change into trainers when completing a physical activity, as directed by the teacher, but must change back when finished. School shoes must be black. We do not allow heeled shoes, open toed or sandal style shoes. Shoes which incorporate flashing lights or similar distracting gimmicks in their design are not appropriate for school wear.

Comfort

As mentioned, children spend a lot of time in their school shoes. If they're uncomfortable, it could affect their ability to concentrate in class and their ability to play at breaktimes. Finding a pair that are comfortable will mean they can get on with their day without distraction.

Durability

Whether they're running around the playground, playing football, climbing trees or dragging their feet through bark and gravel, your children's school shoes need to be able to withstand all sorts of activities. Choosing a good quality pair will ensure they last longer and see them through the school year.

The right material

Leather is durable, breathable and long lasting. It can be protected and even repaired, making it a good option for children's school shoes. Leather also stretches to mould around your child's foot. Patent leather is also durable and has a high shine finish that makes it easy to clean. There are other synthetic materials that are a good substitute for leather.

The role of the school

The school will make every effort to ensure uniform items are of reasonable quality and an affordable price.

There will be consultation with parents in the event of any change in supplier of uniform items. We will also look to support parents who are struggling to provide uniform with nearly new donated items from other families. We will also support any families who are in receipt of free school meals or the pupil premium grant with items of uniform, should they request help or we identify a need.

The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school.

In the event of infringement of the uniform policy, parents and carers will receive a reminder via email.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. Acceptance of the school's uniform policy forms part of our Home School Code. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. All items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

If any parent has a suggestion regarding uniform and the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. If there are reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider the request. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

The role of governors

The Local Governing Committee supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents 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 national 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 Local Governing Committee will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.



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