

School Uniform Policy

St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School

Rationale

We believe that wearing a School Uniform enables children to identify with their school community, giving a sense of belonging and promoting equality. The recommended uniform is chosen with health and safety in mind and is practical and smart. We believe that it reinforces a positive work ethos and therefore supports our Mission to '**educate and inspire every child to fulfil their unique giftedness within a loving Catholic community**'.

Aims

- To encourage a sense of pride in belonging to the school
- To engender a sense of community
- To promote a sense of equality
- To support a focus on learning and achievement
- To support health and safety requirements
- To support sustainable development through the inclusion of some Fairtrade products

Uniform Details

Essential items -

- White tailored shirt
- The school tie is dark blue with narrow red and yellow diagonal stripes
- Tailored school trousers, skirt or pinafore in mid grey (No culottes)
- The V-neck sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan is navy blue.
- Girls white socks or grey tights
- Boys grey socks
- Boys and girls - flat, closed dark shoes
- PE KIT - Navy P.E. shorts, plain white top and plimsolls to be kept in a drawstring bag. Children will also require warm P.E. clothing for cold weather - preferably navy blue jogging trousers and sweatshirt or navy blue tracksuit.

Optional Items -

- Children may wear Trainers instead of plimsolls for outdoor PE

- If a summer dress is worn, it should be in French navy gingham
- Fleece Jackets embroidered with the school name
- Boys may wear tailored short trousers in the Summer Term

Hair and Jewellery

- In the interests of safety children should not wear jewellery to school. (Exceptions - Medical Alert bracelets/necklaces. Small stud earrings are permitted only if the child can independently remove them for PE lessons and put them back in afterwards. If a child is not able to do so then small stud earrings may only be worn for six weeks after piercing, but must be covered, before school, by paper tape on P.E. days. This includes Non-School Uniform days. A watch may be worn but will need to be removed for P.E. lessons.)
- No Make-up including nail varnish
- Long hair should be tied back with very plain navy blue or white hair bands, bobbles or clips. Extreme hairstyles and colouring are discouraged.

Role of the School

The school no longer sells uniform at school but has approached Schoolkit and appointed them to produce and sell our uniform. School Uniform can be purchased from Skoolkit, Havant which is located on the top level of the Meridian Centre in Havant (02392455795) or online www.skoolkit.co.uk.

Children will be regularly reminded of the expectations and praised for their support of the policy. The Class Teacher will speak to any child (or the parent in the case of younger children) who is not complying with expectations. The headteacher will communicate with parents/carers where there is persistent infringement.

Role of the Child and Family

Children are expected to wear the correct uniform every day including footwear and to be responsible for looking after their own items of uniform. Parents are expected to ensure that their child's uniform is clean and in good repair. Parents are asked to ensure that every item of clothing is clearly labelled with their child's full name. Any mislaid items that are named will be returned to their owner. Un-named and unclaimed uniform will be periodically disposed of. Parents should contact the Chair of

Governors if there is any serious reason why their child cannot comply with the expectations.

Role of the Governors

The Governing Body decides on the contents and implementation of the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly. The Governing Body will look sympathetically at requests for children to be exempted from wearing items of uniform for any serious reason and will inform the parent and school of their decision. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the policy meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and to ensure that the chosen uniform is hard-wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by

- seeking the views and support of parents
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests for special dispensation with regards to policy
- Requiring the headteacher to report to the Governing Body on the way the policy is implemented

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