



Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing 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 children's school uniform in this policy.

Our school uniform consists of:

Boys

- Grey trousers
- White polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt with school logo
- Black school shoes



Girls

- Grey pinafore/skirt (blue and white gingham dress may be worn in the warmer weather)
- White polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- White socks or black/grey tights
- Black shoes

PE Kit – to be worn all day on year group PE day

- Royal blue shorts/Royal blue jogging bottoms/Navy blue leggings
- White T-shirt with logo
- Trainers

Our school uniform supplier is Little Gems, High Street, Sunderland City Centre.

All items of uniform may be purchased directly from their shop (<https://theschooloutfit.co.uk>)

2 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;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3 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. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. Smart watches are not allowed.

4 Extreme Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes unusual fashionable styles which result in large areas of the head being shaved, patterns cut or shaved into the head, or 'Mohican' styles.

5 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this.

6 School Bag

Pupils are encouraged to use an appropriately sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold children's books and reading diaries comfortably without causing any damage. Large bags / large rucksacks are discouraged for day-to-day lessons due to space in school lockers. The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags. Additional book bags can also be purchased from Little Gems at any time.

7 Water Bottle

All children should bring a water bottle into school every day: this can be refilled by children whenever necessary during the day. Water bottles must be labelled with the pupil's name. No extra-large water bottles should be sent into school.

8 Alternative Uniform

We direct parents towards supermarket brands of clothing as this is often the cheapest option for a lot of our families.

9 Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds, religious belief or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher and/or Deputy Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

10 The role of parents and carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Appendix 1
Quick Reference Guide to Uniform Suggestions

