



Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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 **The School Outfit** 62 Hutton Close, Crowther, Washington NE38 0AH
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.. Smart watches are not allowed.

4 Earrings

- Children may wear **stud earrings only** as part of their uniform.
- For safety reasons, **dangly or hooped earrings are not permitted**.
- On PE days, unless wearing the plastic safety earrings, earrings must be **removed before school**, or by the child themselves at school.
- Staff will **not remove earrings** for pupils and the school will **not accept responsibility** for earrings that are lost when removed.
- Staff will not apply plasters or coverings over earrings for PE lessons.

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**

- Children must wear **sensible, plain black shoes** as part of their school uniform.
- Shoes should be **comfortable, practical, and suitable for active play**.
- For safety reasons, the following are **not permitted**: trainers (unless for PE), crocs, sandals, flip-flops, high heels, or boots with heels.
- In colder weather, boots may be worn **to and from school**, but children should change into their **black school shoes** during the day.

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.

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

