

Policy for School Uniform

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A uniform helps to develop a sense of belonging to the school and prevents competition and additional costs.

We have found that wearing school colours supports us in maintaining our high standards of behaviour.

For health and safety reasons children must have a change of clothes for PE.

We encourage Foundation 1 (Nursery) children to also wear the uniform, as set out below.

Please contact the Head of School if you need help to fund the uniform or if you have any questions, comments or concerns.



ST JAMES'
Church of England
Primary School

Uniform

item	description	additional notes
top	navy sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper <i>(each year, Year 6 choose a different colour)</i>	- ideally with logo
shirt	white short sleeved polo shirt or white shirt	- ideally with logo
trousers / skirt / dress	grey trousers/shorts; or knee-length skirt or pinafore dress; or blue and white checked / striped dress	- no jeans, cords or leggings <i>(Foundation 1: jogging bottoms / leggings are allowed)</i>
socks / tights	plain white / grey / navy / black socks; or plain white / grey / navy / black tights	- should be a plain, block colour
footwear	black / white / grey / brown plain and flat footwear	- avoid expensive brands - choose shoes that are safe to run around for healthy playtimes (avoid open-toes / straps)
	<i>PE pumps (see below) are sometimes needed in times of very bad weather. For Early Years, wellies are encouraged when it's wet for use in all the outdoor areas of provision.</i>	

PE kit, which should be worn on PE days

item	description	additional notes
t-shirt	indoor: plain white t-shirt (long or short sleeved) outdoor: as above, plus a navy blue or black fleece / warm top or the school sweatshirt	- this should be a round-necked top, not a collared polo-shirt (must not be same shirt as that worn in class) - t-shirts with school logo are available
shorts	grey / black / blue shorts or PE skirt	
tracksuit bottoms	grey / black / blue tracksuit bottoms / leggings	ideal for outdoor use
footwear	trainers	- bare feet for most indoor PE - KS1: trainers from Summer term

Supplier: School uniform can be purchased from various suppliers – ask at the school office if you're unsure.

Additional notes

All clothing should be clearly labelled. We gather lots of lost property – please help us to reduce this amount!

Other items: Other items of school equipment are available. These include a book bag, PE bag and a separate bag for packed lunch. Water bottles should be plastic/metal, labelled, and regularly cleaned.

Hair: Long hair should be tied back (this is so that it does not distract from learning and for hygiene reasons).

Hairstyles should not be attention seeking eg extreme styles such as sculptured names / symbols, mohicans or dyed hair are neither appropriate or acceptable for children of primary school age. This includes eyebrows. Hair accessories should be minimal: as small as possible and not too bright.

Jewellery and other accessories: Regarding jewellery, only plain stud earrings (no more than 4mm wide) and items that are absolutely required by a religion are allowed. A watch or step counter is allowed, but avoid expensive items and those that might distract. Advisors recommend no earrings are worn for PE; therefore, we will ask your child to remove earrings before the lesson and put them back in after the lesson. This will be carried out by the child. If they are unable to remove or put their earrings back in by themselves, they must not wear them on the day they have PE.

Make-up: No make-up, including nail varnish, and no temporary tattoos.

Bags: For reasons of space, please restrict bags to small backpacks / shoulder bags; handbags aren't appropriate.

Religious requirements and race equality: We follow local authority advice in such matters (eg *Valuing Diversity; Awareness Raising for Schools* document). Sikhs are traditionally required to wear a bangle and boys to cover their hair, which is left uncut, secured in a top-knot or turban. Where safety is an issue, pupils will be asked to tape them to the skin or wear a sweatband.

Non-uniform days: Pupils should dress appropriately and respectfully for school, even on non-uniform days. Clothes are inappropriate if they, for example, glorify violence, feature bad language, are very short (eg crop tops), or relate to age-inappropriate topics (eg computer games). When consulted (18.03.21), some junior leaders described this as 'setting appropriate' clothing and clothing that is 'well-judged'.

Make-up (other than face paints as part of a specific costume) is not allowed.

Flip-flops or high-heeled shoes are not allowed, even on non-uniform days, because they're dangerous when running.