



Uniform Policy

At St Peter's Primary School, all children are required to adhere to the school uniform as set out in this policy document. We believe that having school uniform is very positive. It gives children a sense of belonging. We work hard to foster a family atmosphere at our small school. We pride ourselves on knowing and caring for each other. We are proud to belong to a close knit and supportive school community. Wearing uniform, and being readily identified as a member of our school, acts to cement the feeling of belonging in our children.

Uniform also acts as a social equaliser. Children do not compete with regard to the brands of clothes they wear. No matter what the financial circumstances of the family, the children are equal when they wear uniform.

We appreciate that the School Admissions Code 2012 provides statutory guidance, that admission authorities must ensure that school uniform requirements do not discourage parents from applying for a place for their child. Quite rightly, it is a requirement that no school uniform should be so expensive as to leave families feeling unable to apply to a school of their choice. The governing body of St Peter's Primary entirely supports this view. Consequently, a vast majority of the school uniform requirements are generic – they bear no logo - and these items can be purchased from a range of retailers including supermarkets.

The only clothing items of uniform which bear the school logo are the school jumper/cardigan, school coat, PE t-shirt and PE sweatshirt. In addition, children are required to only bring to school rucksacks, book bags and PE bags which are the specific school items with the school logo.

In order to provide parents with value for money, these logo'd items can be purchased through two competing, online suppliers:

www.caseysschoolwear.co.uk

www.myclothing.com

There is no association between these retailers and hence they price the school uniform competitively.

Financial Assistance

We appreciate that even with the competitive retailing, the purchase of school uniform is an expense which some families find difficult to meet. As has been stated, we place great importance on the role of uniform as a social equaliser. Children from different financial backgrounds are not identifiable because of the clothes they wear. Consequently we will support the children from families receiving welfare support, so that they can have the uniform items bearing the school emblem. This is a Christian school and we will not allow any of our children to feel lesser in any way because of our uniform policy.



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Consequently, any family in receipt of free school meals can request that the school provide their child with a free coat, rucksack and PE bag – and we will continue to do this as long as the child is in receipt of free school meals.

School Uniform

Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers

Navy blue V-neck jumper or cardigan with St Peter's logo

White shirt or blouse

School tie

Grey tights or grey or white socks

Navy blue school coat with school logo

In summer when the weather is warmer, the children can wear a pale blue check dress or grey shorts, a navy cap, and white socks.

Children must only wear flat, black shoes to school. We do not allow trainers or boots. It is required that the children have a St Peter's logo book bag or rucksack and do not bring their own bags to school.

For PE, we ask that the children have the following: sky-blue T shirt with St Peter's logo, navy shorts, black velcro plimsolls or trainers, school sweatshirt with logo, navy PE bag with school logo, and a dark grey or navy plain tracksuit.

From a safety point of view, it is important that the children have close fitting clothing when completing indoor activities involving PE equipment. However, despite our uniform requirements, when the children are completing outdoor PE in the cold winter months, they may wear hats, gloves and thick tracksuit tops.

Human Rights, Equality and Discrimination considerations

Some religions and beliefs require their adherents to conform to a particular dress code, or to otherwise outwardly manifest their belief. This could include wearing or carrying specific religious artefacts, not cutting their hair, dressing modestly, or covering their head. Pupils have the right to manifest a religion or belief, but not necessarily at all times, places or in a particular manner.

Where there is good reason for restricting an individual's freedoms, for example, the promotion of cohesion and good order in the school, or genuine health and safety or security considerations, the restriction of an individual's rights to manifest their religion or belief may be justified. The school will balance the rights of individual pupils against the best interests of the school community as a whole. The governing body will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in trying to accommodate religious requirements within the stated school uniform policy.

Governors will consider reasonable requests for flexibility in the uniform policy for an individual pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.



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Our uniform policy is gender neutral. However, dependent on the specific circumstances of the situation, such as the age of the child, their ability to self-determine their clothing choices, and the social and emotional pressures which they might experience as a consequence of any choices, the school may initiate discussions with parents and outside agencies as required to ensure the mental well-being of the child.

Pupil Non-Compliance

It is hoped that parents will support the school by adhering to the uniform policy. The uniform requirements have remained constant for a number of years and consequently, parents join the school knowing what the policy is. It is expected that parents will provide their children with the required uniform.

If a child does not have the correct school uniform, the Headteacher will speak to the parent verbally to ask that the matter is addressed. If within a reasonable time frame, the child continues to attend school without wearing the correct school uniform, the Headteacher will write to the parents to request that the matter is addressed with some urgency. The letter will be accompanied by a copy of the school uniform policy. If the child still continues to attend school without adhering to the uniform policy, they will be refused admittance to the class and parents asked to take the child home. They will be able to return when adhering to the uniform policy. This is not an exclusion and in the first instance, the absence will be recorded as authorised. However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence.

The child will be able to return to school when they adhere to the uniform policy. If they remain away from school, the unauthorised absences will trigger involvement from the Attendance Officer and, if required, other outside agencies as required.