

UNIFORM GUIDANCE

2026-2028

St Mary's C of E Nursery and Primary School

This guidance outlines the uniform expectations for the school.

Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010 and The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment. To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the head teacher who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

Limiting the cost of uniform

St. Mary's has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price. We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers We will do this by:
 - Limiting our range of uniform with distinctive characteristics
 - Provide cheaper alternatives to school-branded items.
 - Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as bags and shoes

- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes

Expectations for school uniform

The following items are the three branded items we would like all children to have

- **Branded jumper OR cardigan**
- **Branded PE t-shirt**
- **Branded Bag.**

ALL OTHER BRANDED ITEMS ARE OPTIONAL ONLY

School Uniform Expectations Nursery and Reception

Children should wear either:

- **Maroon Jogging Pant**
- **Grey knee length skirt** – purchased from any retailer **OR**
- **Long grey trousers** [not jeans type] **OR**
- **Grey shorts** – purchased from any retailer

With a:

- **White polo shirt**

And either:

- **Maroon crew neck sweatshirt OR Maroon cardigan** with school logo – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]

They should also wear:

- **Grey socks or tights** - purchased from any retailer
- **Flat black shoes or sandals** - purchased from any retailer and a
- **School coat**

OR Optional:

- **St Mary's School Dress** – purchased from school online supplier [see school website] –
can be worn from May to October half term only with white socks and black shoes – if weather permits.

Children should also have the following:

- **EYFS Book Bag** with school logo is available to purchase from school online supplier [see school website]
- **Baseball Cap or Sun Hat** – any or optional from the school supplier
- **Woollen Hat** any or maroon with school logo – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]

PE UNIFORM

All children should have the following:

- **Yellow T-shirt** – with school logo – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]
- **Shorts** – plain maroon – any or purchased from school online supplier [see school website]
- **Gym shoes** – black, preferably Velcro fastening – purchased from any retailer
- **PE bag** – any or maroon with school logo – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]

Optional:

- **Track suit** – **any or** maroon with school logo - purchased from school online supplier [see school website]

School Uniform Expectations KS1

[Years 1/2]

Children should wear either:

- Grey knee length skirt – purchased from any retailer OR
- Long grey trousers [not jeans type] OR
- Grey shorts – purchased from any retailer

With a:

- White polo shirt – any or with school logo – purchased from school online supplier*

And either:

- Maroon **crew neck** sweatshirt OR Maroon cardigan with school logo – purchased from school online supplier*

They should also wear:

- Grey socks or tights – purchased from any retailer
- Flat black shoes or sandals – purchased from any retailer and a
- School coat :

OR Optional:

- St Mary's School Dress – purchased from school online supplier* – **to be worn from May to October half term only with white socks and black shoes**

Children should also have the following:

- **Infant Back Pack with school logo** is available to purchase from school online supplier*
- **Baseball Cap or Sun Hat any** – or optional from school online supplier*
- **Woollen Hat any or maroon with school logo** – purchased from school online supplier*

PE UNIFORM

All children should have the following:

- **Yellow T-shirt – with school logo** – purchased from school online supplier*
- **Shorts** – plain maroon – any or purchased from school online supplier*
- **Gym shoes** – black, preferably Velcro fastening – purchased from any retailer
- **PE bag** – any or maroon with school logo – purchased from school online supplier*

Optional:

- Track suit – any or maroon with school logo – purchased from school online supplier*

School Uniform Expectations KS2 [Y3/4/5/6]

Children should wear either:

- **Grey knee length skirt** – purchased from any retailer **OR**
- **Long grey trousers** [not jeans type] **OR**
- **Grey shorts** – purchased from any retailer

With a:

- **Long sleeved white cotton shirt** – purchased from any retailer OR
- **Short sleeved white cotton shirt** - purchased from any retailer
- **School tie** – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]
CLIP-ONS/ELASTICATED TIES ARE NOT PERMITTED

And either:

- **Maroon V neck sweatshirt OR Maroon cardigan** with school logo – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]

They should also wear:

- **Grey socks or tights** - purchased from any retailer
- **Flat black shoes** - purchased from any retailer and a
- **Suitable school coat**

OR Optional:

- **St Mary's School Dress** – purchased from school online supplier [see school website] – **to be worn from May to October half term only with white socks and black shoes**

Children should also have the following:

- **Junior Back Pack** with school logo is available to purchase from school online supplier [see school website]
- **Baseball Cap or Sun hat** any or maroon with school logo – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]
- **Woollen Hat** any or maroon with school logo – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]

PE UNIFORM

All children should have the following:

- **Yellow T-shirt – with school logo** – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]
- **Shorts** – plain maroon – any or purchased from school online supplier [see school website]
- **Gym shoes** – black, preferably Velcro fastening – purchased from any retailer
- **PE bag** – any or maroon with school logo – purchased from school online supplier [see school website]

Optional:

- **Track suit** –any or maroon with school logo –_purchased from school online supplier [see school website]

