

St Mary's Farnham Royal Church of England Primary School

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Uniform Policy

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Policy written by: Headteacher

School Vision

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For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and future
Jeremiah 29:11

Context

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform 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 school uniform in our school prospectus and appendix 1.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school and ours SMFR family;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging to our SMFR family;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school as part of our SMFR family;
- 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;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery apart from watches and plain earring studs in our school. In line with advice from The Association for Physical Education all personal effects should be removed for PE. If pupils are unable to remove earrings before coming to school then parents are required to make them safe by taping, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection. Parents should ensure this is done before coming to school. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball).

Certain items of religious jewellery which cannot be removed will only be allowed with certain safety procedures put in place- please discuss this with the headteacher.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts or hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other children.

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.

We allow children to wear smart trainer style shoes to school; these should be black in colour only.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is named, clean and in good repair. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents 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 are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

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Parents' Guide to Uniform at SMFR

Why wear a uniform?

Wearing a uniform creates a sense of belonging to the SMFR family. It teaches children to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance.

Parent's role:

Dressing each morning is part of preparation for the day ahead. It is important parents encourage & support this so that children are in the right mind set for learning & success.

School Uniform Requirements

- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey/black shorts, trousers, skirt or dress
- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan, with or without school logo
- Grey/white/black socks or tights
- Black school shoes or black trainers (preferably with velcro) (No heels)
- Tie (elasticated in KS1) and 39" in KS2



Optional & Weather Dependent

- Blue and white gingham dress for summer term
- Plain blue cap

PE Kit

- School PE Shirt
- White t-shirt
- Black/Navy shorts
- Trainers for outside PE
- Black/Navy jogging bottoms for colder weather
- Royal blue v-neck sweatshirt, with or without school logo



Year 5 & 6 Children need an additional sports kit for lunchtime sports

Hair

- Hair styles should be appropriate for school
- Shoulder length hair must be tied back

Hair accessories with flowers, large bows etc are not part of school uniform

Jewellery:

- Jewellery must not be worn. However, if your child has pierced ears, small plain stud earrings may be worn. These must be taped over at home before coming to school on PE days.

Nail varnish should not be worn in school.

Where to buy

Basic uniform items (i.e. tops, trousers, shorts and skirts etc.) can be purchased at any supermarket or via School Days Direct. For school logo jumpers, cardigans and PE tops, these can be purchased via School Days Direct. They have a shop at the following address: 20A Buckingham Avenue, Slough Trading Estate, Slough Berkshire SL1 4QA.

Alternatively you can view the full catalogue and purchase uniform items via their website: [https://www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk/product-category/school-uniform/st-marys-farnham-royal-c-e-primary-school/](https://www schooldaysdirect.co.uk/product-category/school-uniform/st-marys-farnham-royal-c-e-primary-school/)

What if I cannot afford the uniform?

Please come & speak with the Headteacher or Pastoral Support Leader.

Variations on the policy

The school will consider carefully reasonable requests to vary the policy, to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations. Parents must put requests in writing to the Headteacher.

The Governors & school have used the Department of Education Guidance to set this policy

