



St Mary's Church of England (VC) Junior School

Where we learn, respect each other, build friendships and trust in God.

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Dear Parents/carers,

Prior to Christmas break, I added a reminder to the school newsletter about the requirements of school uniform, in line with our school policy. I am very pleased to see that, as a result of this reminder, most children who were previously wearing hoodies or the wrong colour jumpers are now wearing school colours. Thank you for your support with this.

At St Mary's Junior School, we believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical, smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

Footwear

The requirement of children to wear **black school shoes** is not new to St Mary's and the policy has been the same for many years. However, it seems that, over time, this rule has been somewhat relaxed and that many children are now wearing trainers to come to school, often fluorescent or brightly coloured. Trainer type shoes should only be worn for PE, not to come to school in or go out at break times.

As a parent myself, I understand how expensive school shoes can be and the increased cost if you have more than one child. However, trainers are often even more expensive than school shoes, especially the branded named trainers. I will not be demanding that any parent go out and buy new school shoes at this point in the year to replace trainers. Instead, I will be suggesting that, as your child grows out of their current footwear, you replace these with **black school shoes** (not black trainer type shoes). If your child is currently wearing brightly coloured trainers for school, these are not permitted and we will be asking parents to replace these with footwear they have at home that fits in with school colours.

At the start of the new academic year in September 2018, **all children** will be required to wear black school shoes. This notice period will then give all parents the opportunity to purchase only black school shoes before the start of the autumn term.

Accessories and other items of clothing

In addition to the above, I'd also like to remind parents that large, coloured bows in hair are not allowed in school. Please also remove any nail varnish as this is also not allowed in school either. One stud earring in each ear is acceptable, not small loop earrings.

Staff have seen some girls wearing leggings for school – these are fine when worn under a skirt for warmth, but should not be worn instead of trousers.

Thank you for your support with this; it is very much appreciated. If you have any questions with regards to this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please see the attached list, which again outlines the uniform requirements of St Mary's.

Sincerely,

Samantha Britton
Headteacher



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School Uniform

<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Royal blue school sweatshirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan
Blue or white shirt/polo shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue or white shirt/polo shirt
Black or grey trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey skirt/pinafore dress
Tailored black or grey short trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer dress – blue and white• Tailored black or grey short trousers

- A change of indoor shoes is required and shoe racks are provided.
- All children should have **black school shoes** (not trainers)
- Children should be provided with an old shirt or apron to wear for art and craft activities
- Long hair should be tied back. Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, apart from one pair of studs in pierced ears which should, for safety's sake, either be removed or taped during physical activities. Children should not wear makeup or nail polish. Transfer tattoos should be removed before coming to school.
- A book bag is required from year 3 (available from the school office) to take home a reading book and homework.

P. E. Kit

- All pupils in the school take part in physical education activities and should have the following kit:
 - Indoors** - black shorts, light blue or white T-Shirt plimsolls or bare foot.
 - Outdoors** - black shorts (tracksuit bottoms for colder weather), light blue or white T-Shirt, (sweatshirt for colder weather) and trainers. Trainers should only be worn for PE.
- Long hair should be tied back for all PE lessons.
- Year 3 and Year 5 children will require a swimming costume, towel and swimming hat for the summer term.
- Children taking part in team sports will be given a school kit for the game if they play in inter-school competitions.

We ask that PE kit is kept in a school PE bag (also available from the school office), brought in on a Monday morning and taken home on Friday for washing.