



*Kirkstall St Stephen's  
C of E Primary School*

*School Uniform and  
Presentation Policy*

*June 2025*

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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## Rationale

At Kirkstall St Stephen's Primary School we believe that pupils achieve best in a friendly, supportive, inclusive and educationally challenging school. Teaching and learning are of course our priorities. However, supporting the pupils in developing positive attitudes to education and the promotion of a structured learning environment are vital in preparing them for their future, particularly as they leave us in Year 6 to start the next phase of their education in high school. School uniform supports a positive approach to learning.

## Aims and Objectives

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

- Is practical and smart
- Promotes a sense of pride in the School and identifies the students with the School
- Promotes a collective identity engendering a sense of community and belonging towards the School
- Is worn to help identification and to create a sense of belonging
- Helps students prepare for the next phase in their education
- Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is intended to be smart, conventional and free from fashion extremes
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money
- Is designed with safeguarding and health and safety in mind
- Avoids unnecessary distraction from learning and teaching

## Equal Opportunities

The School makes every effort to ensure that its school Uniform and Presentation Policy is fair and reasonable. When making decisions about uniform it considers:

- Affordability
- Availability of non-standard sizes
- Sustainable sourcing
- Health and safety
- Religion or cultural beliefs
- The Human Rights Act 1998 and anti-discrimination legislation
- Temporary or permanent medical conditions

## **Expectations**

There is a clear expectation that all students will have the highest standards of personal presentation and they will wear their uniform with pride.

It must be worn correctly throughout the school day. From time to time there will be special school events and activities when it will be a requirement for students to wear uniform e.g. School Trips; out of school sporting events (PE kits). When in uniform students are seen as ambassadors of the school and are expected to follow the school Code of Conduct at all times.

One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit. It is expected that it is clean and in good repair. Children should always have a bag with them to contain their belongings.

## **Children with SEND needs**

We understand that children with diagnosed or undiagnosed SEND needs may require support in some areas, such as sensory issues and the type of materials they can wear. We welcome parents to come and speak to the school SENCO regarding this. This would be in relation to the material and fit of uniform, however, we still expect the correct colours and no commercial branding.

## **Governors**

The Governors on the Pupil Support Sub-Committee will monitor the effectiveness of this policy.

Staff & Governors will ensure the policy is adhered to and revised as appropriate.

Governors and school leaders will consult Parents and Carers if there are to be changes to this policy



## **KSS Uniform Expectations**

**We expect the children to wear the following to school:**

- Grey/black school trousers.
- Grey/black pinafore dress or skirt.
- White/sky blue polo shirt- with or without the KSS logo.
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan- with or without the KSS logo.
- Black school shoes.

**Summer uniform could consist of the following:**

- Grey/black school shorts.
- Blue/white chequered dresses.

**We expect the children to wear the following for PE lessons. Children come to school in their PE uniform on these days.**

- Navy blue jumper- the one they normally wear to school.
- Red t-shirt or polo shirt- with or without KSS logo.
- Black/navy shorts.
- Black pumps/trainers.
- The children may wear black/navy joggers or leggings if they are doing outdoor PE in particularly cold weather- ask their class teacher for more information.

**We expect these shoes:**

- Black, unbranded and sensible, with a closed toe.
- Summer sandals are not allowed.
- Black boots may be worn in winter, however we do not advise sending pupils in non-waterproof boots (e.g. sheep skin Uggs, knitted boots).

**Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Items with a school logo on can be purchased, please ask at the school office/ see website for details.

**We do not expect the following clothing choices (unless permission is given):**

- Branded tracksuit tops, hoodies or t-shirts.
- Branded tracksuit bottoms, joggers or leggings.
- PE trainers in colours other than black.

**If a child comes to school in the incorrect uniform, we will expect them to change into spare KSS uniform for the duration of the school day and their parents will be informed.**

**Hair Styles:**

- Long hair should be tied up/back at all times. This is for safety reasons.
- No extreme haircuts/styles/colours are to be worn. This includes extreme hair accessories. e.g. extra large bows.

**Jewellery**

- Jewellery is not permitted at KSS except stud earrings. This is for safety reasons.
- If a child is found to be wearing jewellery, this will be confiscated by the class teacher, stored securely and then returned to the parent/carer at the end of the school day.

**No make-up or nail varnish permitted at KSS, unless prior permission has been given.**

