



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

*School Uniform and
Presentation Policy*

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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. We ask that children avoid wearing jewellery when-ever possible- small stud earrings may be worn in the school day but must be removed by the child for PE lessons. We ask that parents/carers ensure the children do not get extreme haircuts or coloured dyes on their hair. Children should always have a school book bag with them to contain their belongings. No make-up or nail varnish is allowed to be worn by children.

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

Appendix 1: Uniform Options

The children are encouraged to wear any of the following:

- Grey/navy/black school trousers
- grey/navy blue pinafore dress or skirt
- blue, white/sky blue/navy blue polo shirt or blouse
- navy blue jumper or cardigan.

We discourage children from wearing jewellery. If children must wear earrings, only small studs are permitted and they must be able to remove the backs themselves for PE.

Summer uniform consists of the following:

- Blue/white t-shirts
- blue/grey shorts
- blue/white chequered dresses.

PE clothing consists of:

- red t-shirt, navy shorts and black pumps.
- The children may wear trousers and a long sleeved top if they are doing outdoor PE in particularly cold weather- ask their class teacher for more information.

Shoes: Black and sensible, with a closed toe. Summer sandals are not allowed. 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 for details.

Hair Styles: Long hair should be tied up/back at all times. No extreme haircuts/styles/colours are to be worn. This includes extreme hair accessories. E.g. Extra Large Bows or cat ear headbands

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