



Uniform Policy

2024-2025

Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be.

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Philosophy and Purpose

It is our belief that wearing a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and engenders a feeling of community and belonging. We are proud of our school uniform and pupils take pride in their appearance at school. By sending your child to St Michael & St John's RC Primary School you are agreeing to follow the uniform code.

Aims

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

- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- 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.

SSMJ School Uniform

Jumpers/cardigans displaying the school logo and ties can be purchased from supplier's in Clitheroe (please telephone the school office for more details). Other items of uniform can be bought from High Street stores/many supermarkets.

The PTA has a collection of pre-loved uniform available free of charge for any parent. Parents are reminded frequently to donate items to the collection. This also supports our ethos of recycling where possible and reducing our impact on planet earth. (Laudato Si')

Uniform will be checked by class teachers daily and if items of uniform are missing class teachers will speak to parents offering items from pre-loved uniform if possible. If children persistently do not have the correct uniform this should be forwarded to SLT.

Boys

Wool Jade school jumper

Jade/grey striped tie

Plain short/long sleeved white collared shirt

Dark grey trousers or shorts (no jeans or tracksuits)

Grey socks

Black school shoes (no logos, trainers and ideally velcro fastening for younger pupils)

A suitable coat

Girls

Wool Jade school cardigan

Jade/grey striped tie

White short/long sleeved shirt

Dark grey pleated skirt, pinafore or trousers (no jeans or tracksuits)

White or grey socks (ankle or knee length) or Grey tights

Black school shoes (no logos, trainers boots, open toed sandals, high heels) and ideally velcro fastening for younger pupils)

A suitable coat

Girls – Summer Uniform

As above although, green checked (gingham) summer dress, may be worn, if preferred.

Skirts, dresses and pinafores must be no shorter than knee length.

PE Kit

PE is part of the National curriculum and can take place on varying days. Therefore, ALL pupils must have a PE kit in school at all times. It must contain:

A plain t-shirt in the house colours (Whalley - Red; Bolton - Blue; Fountains - Green and Sawley - Yellow),

(A white tee shirt is acceptable if you have difficulty sourcing the coloured ones).

Plain navy shorts (not denim shorts, no logos or designs on them)

Black pumps (canvas and plain)

Plain Navy Blue/Black tracksuit bottoms (no logos or designs) Optional

Plain Navy Blue/Black Sweatshirt or tracksuit jacket. (no logos or designs) Optional

Trainers for outdoor games

Swimming

When swimming, junior children will need a full swimming costume (no bikinis), swimming trunks or swimming shorts which must be above the knee (no Bermuda style shorts) or a one piece and a towel.

Children are permitted to wear goggles for swimming if there is a medical reason which has been identified in a letter from parents to school.

All children with long hair are expected to wear a swimming hat for lessons.

For Health and Safety, jewellery must not be worn.

Extra-Curricular Clubs -Sports uniform

For extra-curricular sports clubs such as football or netball, children may bring their own suitable kit with outdoor footwear if the training takes place outside.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games or to cover with plasters that must be provided by the parents. No wrist watches which would cause distraction are allowed. Class teachers are responsible for undertaking daily checks and are responsible for speaking to parents.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes 'fashion' haircuts such as shaved patterns or mohicans or parts of hair shaved shorter than others. All children, girls and boys, are required to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so to prevent the spread of head lice and for safety in PE lessons. Plain hair accessories such as a simple bobble, simple headband or clip may be worn by girls but large hair accessories such as bows or hair extensions are not permitted. Hair gel/hair products are not necessary.

Nail Varnish

Nail Varnish should not be worn by pupils at any time. If a pupil does wear nail varnish they will be asked to remove it at home before returning to school the next day.

Footwear

Only plain, black footwear is permitted in school. There must be no designer labels, logos or

markings on shoes. 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. For health and safety reasons, we do not allow the wearing of boots or wellingtons in school. Staff will accommodate the need of boots in cold weather by allowing children time to change from their shoes for outdoor time.

Trainers are not permitted to be worn inside school. Children may wear them for outdoor games and PE sessions. If children come to school in unsuitable footwear, they will be expected to wear their PE pumps whilst inside the school building. If they do not have their PE pumps, the school will provide them with some to wear, or in the rare case that there are not any spare, the school will call parents to resolve the issue either by taking the child home or providing alternative footwear for them.

Clothing

Correct uniform must be worn at all times. No other jackets, cardigans, fleeces etc. will be allowed to be worn inside the school building. PE t-shirts should only have the SSMJ logos on them. During periods of severe weather such as snow, children will be permitted to wear wellingtons or boots, but will be expected to change into school shoes whilst in the building.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS LABELLED (SEW IN TAGS ARE PREFERRED) AS WE CANNOT IDENTIFY A CHILD'S PIECE OF CLOTHING IF IT IS NOT LABELLED. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN A PIECE OF CLOTHING IF WE NOTICE THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE.

Roles and responsibilities

Headteacher: The Headteacher will revisit and revise the policy after two years or prior to this if required.

Governors: Governors will monitor the appropriateness of the policy.

Staff: Staff will ensure pupils are aware of the policy and monitor their compliance.

Parents: We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of 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.

Pupils: Pupils will respect the policy and make every effort to comply.

Our 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 school reserves the right to send children home if they do not arrive in the correct school uniform.

Parents who have problems regarding school uniform should contact the Headteacher directly.

Sharing the policy

This policy will be provided for parents on induction evening, or at any other stage that their child joins the school. The policy will be sent to all parents in the Summer term before uniforms are purchased for the coming year. A copy of the uniform policy can also be viewed on our school website in the key information section.