Uniform Policy

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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 promotes a sense 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 will be forwarded to the Senior Leadership Team for them to address.

The school will comply with statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms and the legal limit on compulsory branded items. Families will not be required to purchase more than three compulsory branded items of school uniform and PE kit.

Core Uniform

Wool piped jumper or cardigan with school badge

Jade/grey striped tie

Plain short/long sleeved white collared shirt

Dark grey trousers or shorts (no jeans or tracksuits)

Plain black school shoes, ideally velcro fastening for younger pupils (no logos, trainers, open toed sandals or high heels)

A suitable coat

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

White or grey socks ankle or knee socks or grey tights for girls

Grey socks for boys

Optional 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/black 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, hoodie or tracksuit jacket. (no logos or designs) Optional

Trainers for outdoor games

Swimming

When swimming, 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.

Affordability

In line with Department for Education guidance, the school is committed to ensuring that uniform is affordable for all families. When reviewing uniform requirements, governors will consider the cost of items and will seek to minimise the number of branded items. Generic alternatives that meet the school's requirements are encouraged where appropriate. Pre-loved uniform is available through the PTA.

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. Pupils may wear a simple analogue or digital watch. Smart watches with communication, recording or internet capabilities are not permitted.

Class teachers are responsible for undertaking daily checks and are responsible for speaking to parents.

Hair

Hairstyles should be safe, appropriate for school and not impede learning or participation in school activities. The school will apply its expectations consistently and in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. The school recognises cultural, religious and ethnic expressions through hairstyles and will make reasonable adjustments where appropriate.

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 are not necessary. Hair gel/hair products are not necessary. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. This includes shaved lines or patterns and dyed or coloured hair.

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. 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. 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.

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 if they have a logo, should only have the SSMJ logos on them.

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 will work with families to resolve uniform concerns sensitively and supportively. Where difficulties arise, support will be offered through access to pre-loved uniform and individual discussions with parents/carers.

Sharing the policy

A copy of the uniform policy can be viewed on our school website.