



ST. JAMES' CE FIRST SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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St. James' CE First School, Alderholt School Uniform Policy

**We are all God's family,
And we will try our best,
To live and love and learn with others,
As Jesus taught us.**

Article 27

You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you cannot do many of the things other children can do.

St. James' is a Rights Respecting School and will ensure no child or adult regardless of gender, race, religion, ability or disability will be discriminated against.

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform

We encourage children to wear school uniform as it helps to foster a sense of belonging to the school.

Boys

Grey Shorts – Summer
Grey Long Trousers – Winter
Blue School Polo T-Shirt or Pale Blue Polo T-Shirt
Blue School Sweatshirt
Grey Socks

Girls

Grey Shirt or Pinafore Dress or Grey School Trousers – Winter
Blue School Polo T-Shirt or Pale Blue Polo T-Shirt
White Socks or Grey Tights
Blue School Sweatshirt or Cardigan
Blue and White Gingham Dress – Summer

Long Hair must be tied back
Please ensure show heels are less than 1.5inches

PE Kit

Blue School T-Shirt or Plain Blue T-Shirt
Shorts – Dark Blue
Pair of Plimsolls
Pair of White Socks (If tights are worn)
Hairband/Clips to tie back long hair
Optional School Fleece

PE Kit should be in a drawstring bag.

Key Stage 2 Games Kit

Blue School T-Shirt or Plain Blue T-Shirt
Shorts – Blue or Black
Sports Sweat Shirt – Blue or Black
Sports Bottoms – Blue or Black
Sports Socks
Trainers

All school uniform and bags are now purchased through Tesco's online service. Stocks are no longer kept in school.

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 to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a micro pore tape, to prevent them from causing injury.

Extreme Haircuts and Make Up

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school at any time by pupils of the school.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support 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. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. However, we would NOT discriminate against a child or family having financial difficulties in providing uniform. A £30 School Uniform Grant (covering a 2 year period) is available to parents who qualify and meet the criteria for Free School Meals. The school will give uniform up to the value of this amount.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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