



ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

**RESPECT YOURSELF,
RESPECT EVERYONE IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY,
RESPECT EVERYONE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY,
RESPECT EVERYONE IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY
BUT MOST OF ALL, RESPECT GOD OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.**

The Local Governing Committee of St. Helen's Catholic Primary School has agreed to this Policy in JULY 2023.



RECEPTION UNIFORM



UNIFORM FOR YEARS 1-6

Introduction

This new uniform policy has been written after consultation with pupils, parents & carers, parent forum, staff and Governors.

Our school uniform is worn by all our pupils with pride – it gives them a sense of identity, belonging and equality for all.

Our smart but practical uniform is fit for purpose – allowing the pupils to be active learners in our practical curriculum.

We strongly advise that you do not have your child's name embroidered onto their jumpers, coats or school bags - this is in order to keep your child safe when out in the community.

But please name all items of uniform with either sewn in name labels or with permanent marker pen - a pen is always available from the office.

Reasonable adjustments can be made, where necessary, for SEND pupils and those who have sensory issues. Please liaise with the school.

Please note that we have made every effort to keep the costs of uniform as low as possible and **the only branded items that you will need to buy from 1 of the 2 uniform shops are the following:**

- **School tracksuit top and trousers and gold polo shirts for reception classes only**
- **Jumper/cardigan with school logo and ties**

UNIFORM SHOPS which sell St. Helen's uniform:

- Pauls Discount Clothing, Southchurch Rd, Southend.
- The Schoolwear Centre, Hamlet Court Rd, Westcliff

All other items of uniform can be bought from a shop/supermarket of your choosing.

If your child is entitled to pupil premium support and you need help with the cost of uniform, please get in touch with the office.

To help families with uniform:

- We have a 2nd hand uniform collection in the front entrance which families can help themselves to and we ask that families donate any unwanted uniform to the office.
- Towards the end of the summer term, we host a recycling of uniform event where we ask families to donate any unwanted uniform and to help themselves to any uniform that they need for their family.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE UNIFORM FOR OUR RECEPTION CHILDREN (THEIR 1 ST YEAR IN SCHOOL) IS DIFFERENT TO THE REST OF THE SCHOOL.
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OUR WINTER UNIFORM FOR RECEPTION PUPILS (Squirrels and Hedgehog classes)

School tracksuit (navy) – sweatshirt with school logo and trousers

Gold polo shirt with school logo

Black school shoes – preferably with Velcro fastenings – no boots please

A warm, waterproof coat

Hat and gloves (as needed)

For outdoor learning, wellington boots

School provide all children in reception classes with reading book bags

OUR WINTER UNIFORM FOR PUPILS (YEARS 1-6)

Grey straight legged school trousers (not stretchy material or leggings) - girls no longer need to wear blue trousers.

Navy blue pinafore dress or navy blue skirt – knee length

White long sleeved shirt or blouse (but not polo shirts)

A school tie – elasticated option for those who prefer it

School jumper or cardigan with school logo on it

White, black or grey socks

Navy blue or grey tights

Black school shoes with enclosed toes and heels – no boots or high heels

A warm waterproof coat

Hat and gloves (as needed)

Old clothes for nature area days

OUR SUMMER UNIFORM FOR RECEPTION PUPILS (Squirrels and Hedgehog classes)

Blue and white checked gingham dress – any shade of blue

Blue or grey school shorts

Gold polo shirts

Black shoes or black, white or navy sandals with enclosed toes and heels – preferably which they can fasten themselves

Any sun cap – does not have to have a school logo on it.

School sweatshirt or school cardigan or school jumper

OUR SUMMER UNIFORM FOR PUPILS (YEARS 1-6)

Blue and white checked gingham dress – any shade of blue

Blue and white playsuit (same material as summer dresses) - please make sure that your child is able to remove this in order to go to the toilet - maybe more suitable for year 2 upwards.

Grey school shorts or grey school trousers

White long or short sleeved shirts or blouses (not polo tops)

School ties – will be removed on hot days

School cardigan or jumper

Socks – grey, black or white

P.E. KIT (YEARS 1-6)

Kit needs to be in school at all times and will be sent home at half terms for washing.

Navy blue shorts

A plain T-shirt in the colour of your child's house (red, blue, yellow or green)

P.E. bag (doesn't need to be a branded St. Helen's bag - just a drawstring bag)

Trainers for outdoor activities

Plain blue or black tracksuit during cold weather (optional)

SWIMMING KITS

Swimming trunks or 1 piece swimsuit

Towel

Swimming cap (compulsory)

Waterproof named bag

HAIR STYLES

Short hair should be neat and tidy please.

Any hair that is shoulder length or longer or of a length that restricts vision, must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Hair should be of a natural colour.

Hair accessories (ribbons, beads, bows, bobbles, hair bands and slides) – should be small and simple in style and blue, black or yellow.

No haircuts should be of an extreme style with patterns or lines shaved into the hair, tramlines, Mohican cuts or dyed hair.

OTHER FAITH HEAD COVERINGS

Hijabs or headscarves – plain blue, black or white

JEWELLERY

Earrings – For health and safety reasons, earrings should only be stud earrings – 1 in each ear. On P.E. days – earrings should either be removed before school (by the parent/carer if necessary) or they must be removed before the lesson by the pupil and stored safely. For health and safety reasons earrings must not be taped.

We strongly recommend that new ear piercing happens at the beginning of the summer holiday. Children who are unable to remove their earrings will not be able to actively participate in PE.

Watches allowed but no smart watches please.

Year 5 and 6 pupils may bring phones to school especially if walking home without an adult but they must be handed into the office before school and collected at the end of the day. They must not be used as cameras and are brought into school at your own risk.

No necklaces should be worn in school.

Make-up or nail varnish should not be worn in school.

We ask all families to support our school uniform policy but if pupils are not wearing correct school uniform, they will be reminded by their class teacher and may be lent uniform from school.

If it is an issue which continues, Parents/carers will be contacted and asked to remedy the situation but please remember there is usually 2nd hand uniform available at no cost in the school entrance.

Thank you for your co-operation.