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Policy Statement

Our school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to our ethos, demonstrating some of our values and helping to set the standards and tone of St Mildred's Infant School. It instils pride and encourages our pupils to identify with our school community, fostering a feeling of belonging. It also supports positive behaviour and discipline. It nurtures cohesion, ensuring pupils of all backgrounds feel welcome and helps make children feel equal to their peers. Our school uniform supports effective teaching and learning and is an external representation of our vision "Dream Big, Aim High, Make a Difference".

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.

Our uniform

St Mildred's uniform is a blue jumper/cardigan with a gold polo shirt and grey bottoms (skirt, pinafore dress or shorts/trousers). Socks/tights must be grey, black or white and shoes must be black. No trainers or boots please.

In the Summer, children may choose to wear grey shorts instead of trousers. A gold/yellow gingham summer dress can be worn too. School shoes must also be worn (no sandals please).

Our PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. In colder weather children may wear plain black tracksuit bottoms and a plain black jumper/hoodie or their school jumper. Plimsols should be worn for indoor PE and trainers may be worn for outdoors.

Hair accessories should be blue or gold and small in size.

Purchasing Uniform

St Mildred's uniform is available from the Uniform Shop if parents wish to have items containing our school logo. Parents can also purchase uniform from supermarkets in the St Mildred's colours of blue and gold without the school logo on.

Pre-loved Uniform

We have a lot of uniform donated to us regularly and in very good condition. This is available for parents to purchase for a small donation in our Pre-loved shop. If parents wish to purchase items this way they can send an email to the office with the uniform and sizes required and if in stock they will then be washed ready and can be collected from the office.

Jewellery and watches

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery or watches in our school. The exception to this rule being ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

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 leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Trainers can be used for outdoor PE sessions. Open-toed sandals are discouraged as they can cause injury when playing in the playground. For Forest School children should have wellies, which can be kept in school. On Forest School days children should come into school in their normal shoes and then change into their wellies for the Forest School session.

Lost Property

All uniform items should be clearly labelled with a child's name, including lunch boxes, drinking bottles and bags, wherever possible, on the outside. In the event that an item of school uniform is lost in school it will be placed in the school lost property box. These items are placed on display at the end of each term for parents to claim. Any unclaimed items in good condition will be put into our Pre-loved uniform shop and anything else will be disposed of.

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, named and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Heads of School. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are 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 Executive Head in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Executive Head 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:

- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.