

St. Mark's C. E. Primary School

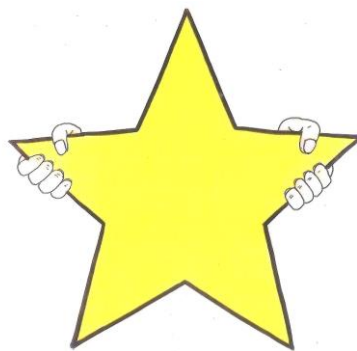


School Uniform Policy

Review Date: Autumn 2023

Next Review: Autumn 2026

St Mark's Church of England Primary School Staplefield



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will provide a secure and happy learning environment where everyone is valued• In partnership with the home, the Church and our local community, we will foster a lifelong love of learning• We will become thoughtful, responsible citizens in the Global community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We believe that every child is an individual with equal rights to our care, time and attention• We nurture and support each other on our journey of discovery, knowledge and faith• We will create an environment in which everyone learns that he/she is made in the image of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will develop joyous learners with high self-esteem• We will encourage a natural curiosity and excitement for learning• Through creative, challenging and personalised teaching and learning, each child will achieve.

School Uniform Policy

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

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.

Our uniform consists of:

- Grey skirt or grey school trousers
- Yellow polo shirt
- School green jumper/cardigan
- White/grey socks
- Black shoes (no heels)
- Green/yellow striped or checked dresses
- Short trousers (grey)
- Green school fleece - this is optional and is for outdoor use only. Fleeces are not to be worn inside school as a substitute for the school jumper/cardigan.

PE Kit

- White polo shirt
- Green shorts/cycling shorts
- Plimsolls/trainers
- Tracksuit for the winter months
- Trainers for children in Years 2 - 6

School sweatshirts, polo shirts, sport shorts, jogging bottoms, hats, fleeces, book bags and P.E. bags are available to order from Broadbridges in Haywards Heath.

Jewellery, Hair and Make-up

The only items of jewellery that may be worn to school are a watch and stud earrings. For safety reasons all earrings must be removed for PE. Please note that school staff may not remove or put in children's earrings.

Make-up and nail varnish must not be worn.

Long hair must be tied back

Footwear

We require all children to wear black shoes, no trainers, no heels.

The role of parents.

We ask 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.

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If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. 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 implements 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 head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform,
- Requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.