



St Faith's

Church of England
Infant and Nursery School



"Our inclusive St Faith's family strives to enable all to achieve their full potential and inspire a community of hope and friendship.

We seek excellence by ensuring a safe, respectful and flourishing learning community, where differences are celebrated and our genuine love and high expectations make a difference to all."

Oscar Romero "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

School Uniform Policy

As a Church School, the distinctive Christian values of respect, compassion, trust, justice, friendship and community are promoted through the experiences we offer to all our pupils, to give pupils the knowledge, skills and understanding that they require to lead confident, healthy and independent lives. We promote the teaching and understanding of fundamental British values in order to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain. We positively teach the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. Teaching the fundamental British values helps the children to become informed, active and responsible citizens.

This policy outlines the purpose, nature and management of **school uniform** in our school. It reflects the consensus of opinion of all members of staff. It is based on current practice and has the full agreement of the governing body. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Head teacher, teaching staff and support staff. It is our collective responsibility to raise awareness and that all policies are known, understood and used in an appropriate way.

Introduction

All children attending our school should wear school uniform every day. The exceptions to this are during our Health and Wellbeing days, other non-uniform days and special days. We believe having a school uniform gives children a sense of community, belonging and unified identity. Our children wear their uniform with pride and recognise that this makes them part of our St Faith's Family. This in turn promotes our high expectations, good behaviour and pride in their learning and school life.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform seeks to:

- promote a sense of pride in the schools
- foster a sense of community and belonging
- be practical, smart and cost effective
- make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- be healthy and safe

Our School Uniform

School Uniform colours at St Faith's church of England Infant and Nursery School are navy blue, pale blue and dark grey. The school logo is optional; however it should be the only visible logo. Many children enjoy wearing our plesiosaur logo and being part of the 'dinosaur' school, but we do not insist on this. Our school clothes with the logo on are available from Uniform Direct.

Our school uniform comprises of:

- A pale blue polo T-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- A navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- A grey skirt or pinafore or shorts or trousers
- A blue and white checked or striped summer dress
- White or black or grey socks
- Black or grey tights

Our PE kit comprises of:

- A white round neck or collared T-shirt
- Black Shorts
- Black Plimsolls/Trainers
- Black Tracksuit Bottoms

~~They~~ Children can wear their school jumpers if needed too.

You will also need:

- A pair of wellington boots if you are in our nursery or reception classes
- A drawstring PE bag
- A name labelled water bottle – the children can use any reusable water bottle, however school plesiosaur ones are available from the school office
- A book bag – this will be issued by the school when they first join our St Faith's family. We ask that the number of keyrings attached to the book bag is limited to just one or two small ones.

Parents, Carers and Families should:

- Ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean, well-fitting, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. One downside of school uniform is that all clothes look the same and we build up a huge pile of lost property at the end of each term. Please ensure that all items of clothing, including shoes are clearly labelled with your child's full name. Labelling may need to be renewed at regular intervals as names do tend to wear off in the wash!
- Ensure a PE kit is in school and left on their peg.
- Come and speak to us if you having any difficulties, as we will do all that we can to support your child and family.
- Please try to ensure that hair accessories are kept to a minimum. We do recommend that girls with long hair wear it tied back to avoid accidents and head lice. We also ask that extreme hairstyles are avoided during term time.
- Ensure that their child is not wearing jewellery, make-up, or transfer tattoos. Small stud earrings are permitted but must be covered with medical tape or not worn on PE days. A watch may be worn if a child is learning to tell the time, but if it proves to be a distraction, they will be asked to remove it.

The school will:

- Ensure the uniform policy is implemented and support is offered to all families as required. This will be with both fairness and sensitivity and inclusive of all our children. We welcome 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 consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.
- Ensure the cost is considered and kept to a minimum where possible.
- Ensure that the uniform required is comfortable, practical and suitable for our children.
- Provide a book bag to every child as they join our St Faith's family.
- Provide PE kits and water bottles to all children who are entitled to Pupil Premium.
- Take a sensible approach to relaxing or adjusting the uniform during extreme weather.

- Allow for individual variations to our uniform policy, where necessary. For instance, reasonable adjustments are made for children with a disability, children who may be too small for the school uniform or for children still toilet training to make this goal more achievable.
- Meet with families where children are frequently not in uniform to offer support.
- Ensure that pre-loved uniform is available to all families at the end of each full term. This will be three times per year, however any families requiring support out of this time will be provided for. Second-hand uniforms can benefit all families and by extending the life of the clothing, it is more sustainable.

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
- ensuring that the policy complies with the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010 and take into account key considerations such as safeguarding and health and safety requirements for all of our children.

Approved by the governing body on:	October 2022
Signed (Chair of Governors)	Robert Parker
Signed (Head teacher)	Lisa Wright (Deputy head)
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