

St James' C of E Primary School

Dress Code Policy

Introduction:

At St James' C of E Primary School we believe in the concept of the learning community and lifelong learning. Through our teaching we aim to equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to become independent learners, with the ability to make informed choices about the important things in their lives. We believe that appropriate learning and teaching experiences help children to continue to develop and explore their potential.

It is our school policy that all children follow our dress code when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims:

A dress code policy:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- creates cohesion whilst recognising diversity
- identifies the children with the school;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.
- keeps costs to a minimum by ensuring that items can be bought on the high street as well as at a school outfitter

Dress Code:

The school colours are Blue and Yellow.

School Uniform:

- Shirts / Polo shirts (with or without school logo) / Blouse - Blue / Yellow / White
- Trousers / Skirts / Pinafore Dress - Plain black / Plain grey
- Fleece / Sweat Shirts / Cardigan (all with or without school logo) - Royal Blue
- Summer Dress - Blue / Yellow
- Shoes - Black without any pattern or logo
- Nursery children may wear clothes of their choice providing they are safe, comfortable and suitable for active play.

Royal blue sweatshirts, royal blue fleece jackets, yellow polo shirts and PE shorts with the school logo are available from:

M.C.S. Stores, 220/222 Fog Lane, Didsbury M20 6EL ([website link](#))

Uniforms can also be found from online retailer My Clothing ([website link](#))

Children may also wear plain polo shirts in yellow, white or pale blue, or shirts in the same colours. They may also wear a plain sweatshirt in royal blue. These colours are widely available at retail outlets.

Jeans, jeans-style trousers or other casual style clothes are not allowed. Jogging pants should only be worn for PE

Dresses in either blue or yellow may be worn during warmer weather.

Socks and tights should be plain grey, black or white.

Extreme hairstyles are strongly discouraged e.g. razor cuts, Mohican cuts, use of hair dye/colouring. Definitions of extreme hairstyles are at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Headscarves:

Girls may, if they wish, wear headscarves. Scarves should be white, dark blue or black and of a shorter length. We recommend pull on headscarves as there is a danger that longer headscarves tied under the chin and round the neck may cause serious injury if pulled. If headscarves are worn for PE they must be of the pull-on, short elasticised type that have no ties or fastenings. It must also be tucked inside the T-shirt for your child's own safety.

Jewellery:

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and a wristwatch if it is silent. These items are only permitted in school on the understanding that they are the responsibility of the child at all times. We ask parents/carers to train their child to insert and remove studs. If a child is not

able to remove the stud, then it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to make sure their child does not wear studs on days when their child is doing PE. School staff have been instructed not to insert or remove jewellery or to tape over them. Please also remember that if your child is going to have their ears pierced to schedule this for the start of the long summer holiday so that the healing can be managed at home under parental supervision.

Children can wear headbands and hair accessories such as clips and bobbles but these should be simple and in plain colours.

Footwear:

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear flip-flops or shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so this type of shoe is not allowed in school. The children should wear plain black shoes or plain black trainers. Coloured shoes or trainers are not allowed. In the summer children can wear sensible plain black or white sandals that are suitable for running and playing in.

PE Kit:

No jewellery to be worn during PE

| Gymnastics/Dance | Games – KS1 & 2 | Swimming – KS2 Only |
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| White, black or blue Shorts or tight black leggings or Black or Blue leotard White T-shirt (not baggy) No footwear | Black or blue Tracksuit/sweatshirt Black/ blue Jogging pants or leggings White, black or blue Shorts White T-shirt Trainers | Swimming trunks (swimming regulations state these must be tight fitting) One-piece swimsuit Towel Swimming hat (all children with long hair are required to wear a hat) |

The role of parents:

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

The school believes strongly that school uniform should not be a significant financial issue for any family. While welcomed, children are not required to wear clothing with the school logo and can wear plain clothing that fits with the school’s colours. This uniform policy was devised with clear reference to the fact that the school’s colours are readily and cheaply available to families as alternatives to items bearing the school logo.

The school is also committed to supporting families in need with second hand items of uniform and, where possible, securing small grant funding amounts to support the buying of new uniform items.

The role of governors:

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school dress code. It considers all representations from parents regarding the 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 dress code meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school dress code policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

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