



St Mary and St Giles School Uniform POLICY

Our IFtL Family

At IFtL, we are committed to developing a family of schools who inspire all of our futures through learning. Schools within our Trust share the same values and ethos; our teams are constantly in the pursuit of development and excellence everyday. We open doors to opportunity and unlock the potential of both our children and our adults so that we all develop the confidence to achieve both our independent and collective ambitions. At IFtL, we are never alone. We know we are stronger together – one united family striving for excellence for all, in everything we do.



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Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to support the development of a school uniform policy, which is sensitive to the needs of children, parents, and the school, reflecting to cultural dress protocols within the community.

The school will act fairly and reasonably, taking into consideration the new Government Guidance, making school uniform more affordable to all.

- Branded items are limited
- For generic items e.g., shirts, blouses, trousers, socks, shoes etc. colours and styles will be stipulated but these can be purchased from any supplier the parent chooses
- Branded school uniform items are machine washable
- SMSG School will clearly state the items that are required, and which are optional.
- Regular tendering competitions will be run to ensure we have sought the best supplier for SMSG School. This will be retendered at least every 5 years.
- SMSG are able to provide pre-loved uniform. It is SMSG School's policy that all Pupils must wear their full uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We want our pupils to wear their uniform professionally, correctly and with pride. The school will provide a complete list of items needed, on the school website, at parents' information evenings and in letters to parents.

Aims

Our policy on uniform is based on the principles that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school, in line with our ethos, values and beliefs.
- Creates a sense of 'community' and 'belonging' to the school.



- Supports positive behaviour and discipline.
- Is practical, comfortable and smart.
- Identifies pupils with the school and encourages identification with the school.
- Prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils.
- Is regarded as suitable for school and good value for money by most parents.
- Promotes the school's care for the health and safety of its learners.

Expectations

We expect all parents and Pupils to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored. Any Pupil who falls short of these requirements will be advised of this fact by their class teacher and given the opportunity to improve. Continued failure to comply will be brought to the attention of the Senior Leadership Team. Repeated failure to comply will be referred to parents and they will be invited to discuss non-compliance. We ask all parents/carers who send their children to SMSG School to support our uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good condition.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and will liaise with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Appearance

Shirts, tops, and blouses must be tucked in. Rings, necklaces, and bangles are not part of the uniform and should not be worn. One earring per ear is permitted. Nose studs and other facial and body piercing jewellery must not be worn. Makeup, Nail Varnish and Gel nails are not permitted. Extremes of hair fashions and hair colour, and eyebrow shavings are not permitted. Pupils are asked to avoid extremes of fashion in either style or colour. Hair should not be dyed or be styled with flashes of colour. No shapes, patterns, lines or tramlines should be shaved into the hair or the eyebrows e.g., zigzags, Mohican, parting line. Long hair must be tied back. At all times hair must not cover an eye or eyes. Hair should be kept clean and tidy. Hair accessories may be worn if they are functional and not for the purpose of fashion and should be plain in nature. Where pupils choose to wear any form of headwear, this should be a plain dark colour and complement the colours of the school uniform. That decision as to whether any item complements school uniform in style or colour is again entirely



at the discretion of the school. All headwear will need to be removed when a pupil is indoors unless that pupil is wearing it for religious observation or for specific medical reasons. Where pupils wear any form of headwear that obscures their face, they will be asked to remove it unless it is worn for religious observation. Belts should be plain and not have large buckles.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are permitted in school, at the owner's risk, but they must be always switched off and handed into the class teacher each morning. The school accepts NO responsibility for the loss or damage of mobile phones under any circumstances.

Non-uniform Day Clothing

We have several non-uniform days throughout the year in order to raise money for charity. Pupils have the opportunity to wear their own clothes and while it is expected that dress would be more casual, pupils need to remember that their clothing should still be suitable for a place of work and study as they will be expected to follow their normal timetable for that day. The normal school rule on jewellery still applies on a non-uniform day.

Medical Dispensations

The policy will meet the needs of individual learners with temporary or permanent medical conditions. For example, learners with some skin conditions may be unable to wear specific fabrics and learners with foot or leg injuries may be unable to wear school shoes. An official medical certificate will be required for any learner requiring long-term dispensation due to medical conditions. Monitoring and Review the Governing Body will monitor and review this policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents and carers, to ensure that they agree with, and support the policy
- Considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents and carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform; and
- Requiring the Head Teacher to report to the Governors on the way the uniform policy is implemented. The Head Teacher will work with all staff to ensure this policy is fully implemented. The Head Teacher will also monitor and review the development of this important policy and make a written report to the Governing Body on an annual basis.



Suppliers

SMSG branded uniform items can be purchased at Maisies, Church Steet, Wolverton. [Home - Maisies Schoolwear \(maisies-superstore.co.uk\)](http://maisies-superstore.co.uk)

Non branded items such as polo tops, shirts, blouses, jumpers or cardigans can be purchased from your preferred school wear retailer and are acceptable school wear. Our local charity shops often stock a supply of SMSG branded and non-branded school wear.

SMSG School Uniform

Girls:

- White or light blue polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Navy Blue fleece Jacket – optional, purchased from Maisies
- Black or grey skirt, trousers, or pinafore
- Blue gingham summer dresses – optional
- Black, grey, or navy tights/socks
- Sensible black school shoes (no trainers)
- Waterproof coat (Winter months)
- School book bag, purchased from Maisies

Or

- Backpack

For Boys:

- White or light blue polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Navy Blue fleece Jacket – optional, purchased from Maisies
- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Black, grey, or navy socks
- Sensible black school shoes (no trainers)
- Waterproof coat (Winter months)
- School book bag, purchased from Maisies

Or

- Backpack



PE Kit for Boys and Girls

- Navy or white t-shirt
- Black or navy shorts
- Black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Trainers

We request that children do not wear branded sports clothing for PE lessons. Jewellery MUST be removed prior to PE lessons. Children must be able to remove earrings. Long hair should be tied back. When swimming, children must wear swimming trunks or one-piece swimming costumes. Bikinis are not acceptable.

Please remember to clearly name all your child's clothing.

NB SMSG School reserve the right to change the uniform. Parents will be given a terms notice.



SMSG School Uniform



For Girls:

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Black or grey skirt, trousers or pinafore
- Light blue or white polo shirt
- Blue summer dresses



For Boys:

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Light blue or White polo shirt



Please remember to clearly name all your child's clothing.

- Sensible black school shoes (no trainers)
- Waterproof coat
- School book bag
- No jewellery

PE Kit

- Navy or white t-shirt
- Black or navy shorts
- Trainers



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