



St John's C of E Academy Uniform Policy

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It is our academy policy that all children wear academy uniform when attending St John's, or when participating in academy-organised events outside normal school hours when requested to do so. Our branded academy uniform list is given below.

School Policy

Our policy on academy uniform is based on the principle that academy uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the academy
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the academy
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the academy
- prevents children from coming to our academy 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

The role of parents

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our academy to support the academy 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 is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. A note will be sent home if children are not wearing the correct uniform. If the problem persists the matter will be discussed directly with parents/carers.

The academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are legitimate reasons, for example on religious grounds or by reason of a disability, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the academy uniform, the academy will consider such requests carefully.

If parents are not certain of whether an item of uniform or accessory will be acceptable under the terms of this policy, they should check with the Academy Office or Principal prior to purchasing or their child wearing it to school.

Academy Uniform is as follows and should be worn by all children:

- Navy V-neck Knitted Jumper or Navy Knitted Cardigan with the Academy logo
- White shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Plain Navy Tie
- Grey trousers or skirts or tailored shorts. Optional - tartan skirt or tartan pinafore
- Black smart shoes
- Socks and tights must be plain white, grey or black
- In summer term only, a Navy checked summer dress may be worn.

P.E./Games Kit:

- Trainers (bare feet for indoor P.E.)
- Plain navy sports shorts
- Navy T-Shirt with Academy logo
- Navy PE Academy Logo Kit Bag

- Outdoor PE Kit – Plain navy tracksuit if required (optional).

Branded Academy Uniform can be ordered direct from our supplier Price & Buckland

Academy Logo Book Bags

Hair

Hair-cuts/styles should be neat and tidy, and appropriate for school. Hair must not be dyed or have tram lines or patterns cut into it. If a child comes into school with an “extreme” style/cut, a letter will be sent home in the first instance, enclosing a copy of this policy, stating that hair is in breach of academy policy and must be grown out with no repeat.

Hair which is longer than shoulder length should be tied back at all times with a plain hairband. Decorative bobbles and hairbands are not permitted. Where fringes are long, or being grown out, plain hair clips should be provided by parents so it does not impede vision during academy activities.

Jewellery

We do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and swimming to prevent them from causing injury.

Nail varnish and temporary transfer tattoos

The academy does not permit children to wear nail varnish or temporary transfer tattoos.