St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Approved at:	**Curriculum Admissions & Pastoral Committee Autumn 2022**
Review:	**Every 3 years**
Review date:	**Summer 2025**

Rationale

We believe that wearing a School Uniform enables children to identify with their school community, giving a sense of belonging and promoting equality. The recommended uniform is chosen with health and safety in mind and is practical and smart. We believe that it reinforces a positive work ethos and therefore supports our Mission to 'inspire every child by ensuring success, providing opportunity and fostering stewardship within a loving, catholic community**'.**

Aims

- To encourage a sense of pride in belonging to the school
- To engender a sense of community
- To promote a sense of equality
- To support a focus on learning and achievement
- To support health and safety requirements
- To support sustainable development through the inclusion of some Fairtrade products

UNIFORM DETAILS

Essential items

- White tailored shirt
- School tie (dark blue with narrow red and yellow diagonal stripes)
- Tailored school trousers, skirt or pinafore in mid grey
- Navy blue V-neck sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan embroidered with school logo
- Grey socks or grey tights
- White socks (preferably only with summer dresses but can be worn with winter uniform)
- Flat, closed black shoes
- PE KIT - Navy P.E. shorts, plain white top and plimsolls to be kept in a drawstring bag. Children will also require navy blue jogging trousers/leggings and plain navy sweatshirt (not hoody) for cold weather.

Optional Items

Children may wear trainers instead of plimsolls for outdoor PE.
If a summer dress is worn, it should be in French navy gingham and worn with white socks.
School book bag or school rucksack.

Hair and Jewellery

In the interests of safety children should not wear jewellery to school (Exceptions – Medical Alert bracelets/necklaces). Small stud earrings are permitted only if the child can independently remove them for PE lessons and put them back in afterwards. Please bear this in mind if you are choosing to have your child's ears pierced. A watch may be worn but must be removed for P.E. lessons.

No make-up, including nail varnish

Long hair should be tied back with very plain navy blue or white hair bands, bobbles or clips. **Large bows and hair accessories are <u>not</u> allowed.**

Extreme hairstyles and colouring are discouraged.

Role of the School

The school does not sell uniform at school but is dedicated to ensure that uniform is as affordable as possible, Therefore, there are two main stockists for our uniform, in order to encourage a competitive market to keep prices low.

Uniform can be purchased from;

- *Skoolkit*, Havant which is located on the top level of the Meridian Centre in Havant (02392455795) or online www.skoolkit.co.uk.
- *Fosters* https://www.fostersschoolwear.co.uk (01279 653865)

Additionally, **Second-hand uniform is also available** from a rack in the Junior Playground at the end of most days. These items are free for families to take, although donations are appreciated.

Children will be reminded about their care for their own presentation. When it falls short of the expectations set out in this policy, reminders will be given by way of a friendly reminder to, for example, tuck their shirt in or do up their tie.

If issues with incorrect uniform persist, the class teacher will make contact to discuss this with the child's parents.

In keeping with the school's ethos of equity over equality, there may be circumstances where exceptions or adaptations are made to this policy for particular children. These will be agreed by the headteacher.

Role of the Child and Family

Children are expected to wear the correct uniform every day including footwear and to be responsible for looking after their own items of uniform. Parents are expected to ensure that their child's uniform is clean and in good repair. Parents are asked to ensure that every item of clothing is clearly labelled with their child's full name. Any mislaid items that are named will be returned to their owner. Un-named and unclaimed uniform will be periodically disposed of. Parents should contact the Chair of Governors if there is any serious reason why their child cannot comply with the expectations.

Role of the Governors

The Governing Body decides on the contents and implementation of the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly. The Governing Body will look sympathetically at requests for children to be exempted from wearing items of uniform for any serious reason and will inform the parent and school of their decision. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the policy meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and to ensure that the chosen uniform is hard-wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by

- seeking the views and support of parents
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests for special dispensation with regards to policy
  Requiring the headteacher to report to the Governing Body on the way the policy is implemented