

Uniform Policy

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1. Rationale and aims

This policy is written in line with guidance from the Department for Education document '[School uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities](#)'. The DfE strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in 'promoting the ethos' of a school and 'setting an appropriate tone'.

One of the values of St Christophers Academy is Respect and our uniform policy seeks to foster pupils' self-respect through their presentation. We expect our children to be ready for school and smart in their appearance.

2. Policy

ALL PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many items of school uniform can be obtained at most children's clothing stores. However, a selection of items are available from our web shop supplier at www.bldirect.co.uk or from Best Look Uniform Shop.

Please note Items marked with an * on the list below are essential items and are only available from our web shop.

WINTER

Red school logo jumper or cardigan*
White polo top Year 1 – 6, Red polo top for Nursery, preschool and Reception
Grey school trousers, dress or school skirt/tunic
Grey tights

Plain black flat shoes (no training shoes)

SUMMER

As above
Or
Red & white gingham summer dress or smart grey shorts

All children's shorts, skirts and dresses should be the correct colour and their length should be no shorter than halfway down your child's upper leg.

P.E. Kit

INDOOR

White t-shirt
Red striped PE shorts
School logo red fleece hoodie or school logo red jumper/cardigan*
Indoor plimsolls or trainers

OUTDOOR

As indoor and
Plain grey or black jogging bottoms
Outdoor trainers

All items of clothing MUST be named. If an item is lost, please inform the teacher as soon as possible.

Hair

It is school policy that hair that is long enough is tied back at all times. This is to ensure safety during lessons especially PE, science, D&T and art. It also helps to reduce the transfer of head lice. Loose hair can easily become entangled and caught in equipment. Extreme fashion hair-cuts, colorants, coloured extensions and coloured braids are not allowed. Hair accessories should only be as large as necessary and in sympathy with our school colour (red) or neutral (black, brown, blonde, transparent).

Jewellery

For safety reasons we ask that children do not wear jewellery in school. A child may wear a watch once they are learning to tell the time, but the school cannot accept responsibility for it. Children must not wear smart watches. If your child has pierced ears, then please make sure they only wear one pair of plain studs to school.

This policy promotes cohesion in the school and helps to prevent accidents during play and PE, in line with DfE health and safety guidance for schools.

We recognise that this may conflict with some parents' preferences regarding the wearing of religious jewellery and have used the following governmental guidance to make sure that our policy is lawful and does not discriminate against any groups in our community:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms> and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/equality-act-2010-advice-for-schools>

PE and Jewellery

The Health and Safety in PE guidance makes it clear that no jewellery should be worn during PE lessons, particularly those when children are working as a team in closer proximity. This is therefore our advice to parents and our standard response. Children who cannot remove their earrings may not be able to participate in the physical aspects of the lesson. Parents will then be informed so that alternative arrangements can be made for the following lesson. Please note that teachers are prohibited from removing or replacing earrings and the school cannot accept responsibility for accidents caused by the wearing of jewellery. We understand, however, that on occasions this can present difficulties, e.g. recent piercings. In these circumstances the earrings, plain small studs only, should be covered by a plaster provided by parents/carers. Alternatively, earrings could be removed by parents during the evening before a PE lesson.

Make up

It is not appropriate for children to wear makeup of any kind to school. This includes nail varnish and temporary tattoos.

Footwear

School shoes should be smart and plain black. We understand that there are exceptional circumstances when children will not wear their shoes to school (e.g. when they've been broken or have been left at another house). On these occasions we will temporarily provide your child with black plimsolls to wear inside at school until their shoes can be retrieved or replaced. If your child is not wearing school shoes due to a medical issue, please contact the school to make us aware.

Hijabs

As a school, we are happy for pupils to wear a hijab as part of their religious dress, however, we do have the following requirements:

- The hijab should be sympathetic to school colours (black, white or red)
- The hijab must be easily removed and replaced by the child
- Hijabs must be either securely attached, or removed for PE

Responsibility for lost uniform

Your child must tell an adult at school as soon as they become aware that they have lost an item of uniform and the adult will do their best to assist. However, all uniform is the responsibility of your child and lost clothing is not the responsibility of the school.

3. Monitoring and evaluation

It is the responsibility of class teachers to monitor children's dress and presentation. Teachers should discuss with parents ongoing concerns about the dress code not being adhered to. There is financial support for pupils who attract the pupil premium grant. If a child's presentation warrants concerns about neglect or abuse, the member of staff who notices this should fill in a concerns sheet and pass it onto the designated safeguarding lead or a deputy safeguarding lead.

4. Implementation and Review

Staff and governors will review this policy and parents will receive a copy upon entry to the school. The policy will be published online and reminders will be sent out in newsletters if there are lapses of the policy across school. School leaders will address persistent individual lapses in line with government guidance.