

St Austin's R.C. Primary School

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from our school uniform supplier (currently TOUCHLINE), whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric / colour / design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- is available at a reasonable cost
- provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- making the wearing of items with the school logo on non-compulsory

- allowing the wearing of cheaper alternatives to school-branded items
- keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items from our *Preloved Shop*.
- avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes

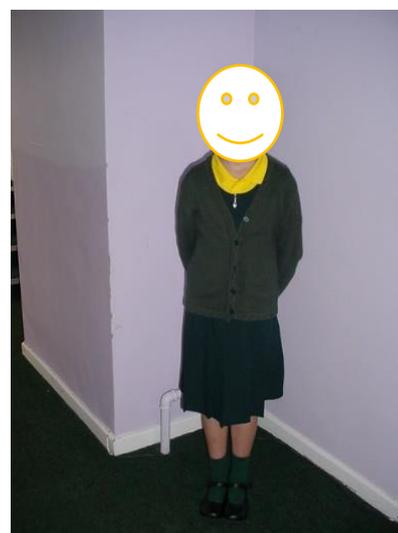
School Uniform - Most items of our school uniform can be bought from High Street shops and supermarkets. Some items which have the school logo on, are sold by our uniform supplier - **Touchline**

Winter Bottle green cardigan or sweatshirt
 Yellow polo shirt
 Bottle green skirt, pinafore/ grey trousers/shorts
 Black shoes

Summer Green/white checked dress.

Year 6 White shirt and school tie* (replacing yellow polo shirt) and optional blazer available from Touchline at a subsidised cost.

PE Kit The school has its own PE uniform consisting of bottle green shorts and white top which can be purchased from our supplier (Touchline) Children may wear dark green shorts and white t-shirt available from any high street supermarket/shop.



Jewellery -For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. Wherever possible children are required to remove any jewellery items such as watches during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury or being damaged.

Footwear -For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes (no boots or trainers are allowed).

The Role of Parents We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing may be loaned an appropriate item from our stock to wear for that day. Parents may be contacted to discuss the matter if incorrect uniform becomes a concern.

The Role of Governors The Governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

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Monitoring and Review The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support any changes to the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform