



St Ives Infant School

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Our policy has been developed taking into account the Department for Education's [Cost of School Uniforms](#) guidance.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our School Uniform

- School sweatshirt/hoodie - Blue
- School cardigan - Blue
- Polo shirt/ Shirt - White
- Trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts – black or grey
- Summer dress – blue checked pattern
- Socks - plain
- Tights plain – grey / black
- Black shoes only (no trainers, no heels, no skate shoes please)

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name

PE kit

- PE T-shirts – white
- Shorts – black (no large logos please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Black track-suit bottoms / sports leggings for the winter months only (no large logos please)

Extra items

- Book bags displaying the school logo

- Named water bottle to be kept in school (essential).
- Swimming Kit – Costume / trunks, towel and a swimming hat as and when required per year group.
- Reception Class- Wellington boots to be named and kept in school
- Children need to have a coat in school all through the Autumn and Spring terms please, children may not be permitted to be outside without one on cold / damp days.

Jewellery

- Children are NOT permitted to wear jewellery items at school; rings, necklaces, bracelets etc.
- We do not permit watches
- Simple stud earrings may be worn.
- All valuables will be worn at the owners risk and the school will not take any responsibility for damage or loss.

Hair + Nails

- Shoulder length or longer for all genders should be tied up, due to a distraction of learning when working together in partnered situations and it also avoids the risk of head lice.
- Hair must also be tied up for PE, forest school and design technology sessions please for health and safety reasons.
- Unnatural hair dye is not permitted.
- Jo-jo bows and / or other vibrant large accessories will not be permitted.
- Nails are expected to be kept to a reasonable length to avoid accidents of scratching when playing or being in ball games.

Not required

- Pencil cases are not required as all equipment is provided.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents /carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily learning. Parents /carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

Equal Opportunities

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of

school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

If any parent /carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

Parents/ carers are encouraged to speak to the class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, if they are struggling to purchase appropriate uniform, due to financial concerns.

Second Hand Uniform

Please note that we have many second-hand items available which have come from past pupils and have all been washed ready to be re-used, please contact the school office if we can support you with any of these items.

Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this policy, the Senior Leadership team will:

- seek the views of parents/carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.