



# Uniform Policy

**Approved by:**

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## Policy Aims

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; we promote the belief that school is an important part of life and should be viewed accordingly. The children learn the strap line, 'Smart on the outside, smart on the inside!'

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Prepares learners for the next stage in their learning and eventually in their chosen careers
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered good value for money

In accordance with the Department for Education DfE statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms, St. Ambrose RC Primary School has ensured that this policy minimises the financial burden on parents and ensures excellent value for money.

### Our School Uniform Expectations

To keep costs low for families, **only two items** in our entire uniform inventory are branded/ specific items. All other items can be standard, generic garments purchased from any high-street retailer or supermarket.

#### Uniform Years 1 to 6

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan with school logo (*Branded item*)
- School Tie (*Branded/Specific item*)
- White short/long-sleeved shirt (*Generic retailer*)
- Black trousers or black skirt (*Generic retailer*)
- Black tights (*Generic retailer*)
- Flat, black shoes (*Not trainers; generic retailer*)

## Early Years Uniform (Nursery & Reception)

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan with school logo (*Branded item*)
- A plain white polo shirt (*Generic retailer*)
- Plain black trousers or skirt or black/navy jogging bottoms or leggings (*Generic retailer*)
- Plain black flat shoes or trainers (*Generic retailer*)
- Note: A school tie is optional Early Years.

## PE Kit (All Years)

To ensure cost sustainability, **no elements of our PE kit require a school logo.**

- Plain white PE t-shirt (*Generic retailer*)
- Plain black shorts (*Generic retailer*)
- Black pumps or trainers
- Colder Months: Plain black leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms are permitted with the standard school jumper.

Parents are asked to label all uniform and belongings with their child's name.

## General Appearance

### Jewellery

Jewellery is considered to be any form of adornment to the body, which is not clothing. For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery; this includes rings, chains, and hoop earrings.

- Small stud earrings can be worn but **must be independently removed and replaced** by your child for PE.
- Wristwatches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches linked to mobile phones or cameras are strictly not permitted.

### Hair, Make-up, and Nails

- For health and safety reasons, long hair is to be tied back. Hair accessories such as plain blue or black coloured headbands are permitted.
- Extreme hairstyles (including unnatural dye colours or shaved patterns) are not appropriate for school.
- We do not allow children to wear make-up and nail varnish to school.

## **Uniform Supply and Purchasing**

Our preferred school uniform supplier for branded items (jumpers, cardigans, and ties) are listed on the school website.

The school regularly reviews its supplier contracts to ensure high quality, durability, and competitive pricing for parents.

St. Ambrose RC Primary School is committed to supporting a sustainable and cost-effective approach to school clothing.

High-quality, second-hand uniform items are available to all families throughout the school year at The Den, situated on Merseybank Avenue. The Den is a non profit organisation ran by volunteers from the local community.

**Donations:** We kindly ask that any outgrown, good-quality uniform items be washed and donated to the school office or given to The Den on Merseybank Avenue. Any donations given to school will be donated to the The Den to support their second hand uniform scheme.

## **5. The Role of Parents and School Support**

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, including providing financial support or uniform provisions where appropriate.