



**St. Alban & St. Stephen
Catholic Primary School & Nursery**

School Uniform Policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- › Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- › Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- › Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school’s legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- › Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- › Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- › Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- › Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- › Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols that are required by their religion
- › Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the School Office who will direct you to a member of the Senior Leadership Team who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3. 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 on the cost of school uniform.

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 from a range of retailers
- › Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- › Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- › Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics and where possible offering an alternative
- › Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- › Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- › Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- › Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- › Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- › Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- › Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- › Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes by phasing in changes in gradually
- › Consulting with parents and pupils beforehand on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

***PLEASE NOTE: Items indicated with *can be ordered online from Stevensons
Items highlighted in yellow are new for the academic year 2024-25***

EARLY YEARS (Reception and Nursery)

UNIFORM	EARLY YEARS' EXTRAS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red collared polo shirt with logo* or without logo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington Boots
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red EYFS sweatshirt with logo* or without logo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spare change of school uniform clothes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black jogging bottoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra socks and underwear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shorts or leggings can be worn in the summer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter hats with logo*, black/green/red gloves & scarves winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black training shoes – velcro fastenings only please 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunscreen & red caps with logo* for summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey socks 	

KEY STAGE 1 (Years 1-2) SCHOOL UNIFORM

WINTER UNIFORM (Autumn and Spring Terms)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White collared polo with logo* or without logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain grey long trousers with grey socks only
or
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain dark green skirt or pinafore dress with red/ green socks or tights only.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark green jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan with logo* or without logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shoes classic school style (NO trainers)
SUMMER UNIFORM (Summer term/ First half of Autumn Term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White collared polo* with or without logo • Plain grey long trousers or tailored shorts • Grey socks only
or
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green gingham summer dress/ green gingham summer playsuit • White socks only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark green jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan with logo* or without logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shoes classic school style (NO trainers)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red School caps with logo*

KEY STAGE 2 (Years 3-6) SCHOOL UNIFORM

WINTER UNIFORM (Autumn and Spring terms)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White shirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School tie*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark green jumper or cardigan with logo* or without logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain grey long trousers • Grey socks only
or
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain dark green skirt or pinafore • Red/green socks or tights only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shoes classic school style (NO trainers)
SUMMER UNIFORM (Summer term/ First half of Autumn Term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White collared polo with logo* or without logo • Plain grey long trousers or tailored shorts • Grey socks only
or
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green gingham summer dress/ green gingham summer playsuit • White socks only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark green jumper/cardigan with logo* or without logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shoes classic school style (NO trainers)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red school caps with logo*

OUTERWEAR ALL YEARS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School coat with logo* (optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain black, dark grey, green or red coat (no other coats permitted including denim, fur, leather or brand logos)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green winter hat with logo*, black/green/red gloves & scarves winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School bag with logo*

P.E. Kit (Years 1 to 6)

The P.E. Kit must be worn to school two days a week on your child's class P.E. days.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White T shirt with logo* or without logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain black jogging bottoms, plain black leggings or red shorts (no slogans)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports Trainers (not fashion trainers)
Years 1-5: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain red zip-up hoodie with no drawstring Also available with school logo (pre-order and pay via Arbor and collect from the School Office) Or <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dark green jumper/cardigan with logo* or without logo
Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain red zip-up hoodie with no drawstring Available with Isle of Wight residential logo (pre-order and pay via Arbor and collect from the School Office) Or <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dark green jumper/cardigan with logo* or without logo

In addition to the normal red P.E. hoodie, Year 6 pupils may purchase red branded 'Leavers' hoodies at the start of Year 6. These may be worn during the Year 6 residential, on P.E. days and on trips. The hoodies may not be worn at any other time during school hours.

4.2 Where to purchase it

All branded and non-branded items of uniform are available from Stevensons which is situated on Victoria Street in St Albans. <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/> .

Alternatively, all items of school uniform except for school ties, school hats, schools caps, and school bags can be purchased as a plain, non-logo version from alternative high-street retailers.

Our School PTA run a second-hand uniform sale at least termly. This is available for all parents and carers.

All pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform and all items must be clearly labelled with their name.

We would like all children to take pride in their school and their uniform and so ask that they make an extra effort to wear the correct shoes and jackets as well as the standard uniform.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the School Office if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name

Parents are also expected to contact the School Office if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner. Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply by sending reminder letter home, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with through verbal reminders, letters home to parents and for on-going breaches a follow up meeting with parents /carers.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually. At every review, it will be approved by the Senior Leadership Team.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy