

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School

REVISED SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY (from September 2013)

The school aims to foster and deepen the children's faith through a genuine partnership between the home, school and parish. Only through this can we hope to:

- *Help children develop a sense of self worth and promote a spirit of respect for others.*
- *Strive to maintain the highest possible standards of behaviour and help all children to achieve their full potential (extract from school mission statement).*

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES BOOK BAGS, PE BAGS, WHITE POLO SHIRTS AND PE SHIRTS, SUN HATS, WOOLLY HATS AND BADGES FOR BLAZERS, ALL WITH THE SCHOOL LOGO.

TIES AND SUMMER DRESSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY EXPENSE PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL

***book bags, *PE bags, *sun hats**

Parents are advised that all items of school uniform must be clearly labelled with their child's name.

Winter Uniform
(2nd Half of Autumn Term and Spring Term)

BOYS	GIRLS
	Blue Blazer (optional)
Long grey Tailored Trousers	Grey pinafore dress or skirt
Grey socks	Plain white or grey socks or tights
White shirt	White shirt
School tie	School Tie
Royal Blue V-neck jumper or cardigan	Royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan
<p>(Note: Infants should wear a short sleeved white polo shirt rather than a shirt and tie)</p>	

Summer Uniform
(Summer Term and 1st Half of Autumn Term)

BOYS	GIRLS
Grey tailored shorts	School summer dress (royal blue and white stripe)
Grey socks	Plain white socks or white tights
White short sleeved polo shirt	Royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan
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<p>Note: Year 6 boys have the option of wearing long grey tailored trousers or shorts</p>	<p>Note: Year 6 girls have the option of wearing summer dress, pinafore or grey skirt and short sleeved polo shirt</p>
<p>During the 1st half of the Autumn Term, reception children are allowed to wear the school winter uniform</p>	

Footwear

Shoes should be plain and black (without lights) and for health and safety reasons should have flat, low heels. Trainers, boots and other leisure footwear, including sling back sandals are not allowed.

During snow conditions children may wear boots to and from school but will be expected to change to uniform school shoes during classes.

PE Clothing

Black plimsolls, white T shirt and plain (other than school logo) black shorts (not cycling shorts). During the winter months children may wear plain navy, grey or black track suits for PE (no logos).

Pupils in KS2 may wear trainers for PE and outdoor activities – but these should be plain black or white.

PE kit should be in school every day and kept in a drawstring PE bag which **MUST be purchased from the school office** as storage space is limited in cloakrooms.

PE kit should be worn for After School Clubs involving sport or dance unless a special outfit is required and agreed with the school.

School Bags

It is compulsory to have the correct bag in accordance with the uniform policy as specified below, all of which MUST be purchased from the school office.

Reception & Year 1: Blue book bags with school logo

Year 2: Blue satchels with shoulder strap or reception blue book bag

Year 3/4/5/6: Blue satchels or rucksacks

Outdoor Coats, Hats, Gloves and Scarves

Coats or anoraks should be plain black, navy blue or grey (no logos or stripes/patterns).

Hats, gloves and scarves should be plain black, navy blue or grey. During the summer months if you wish your child to wear a summer hat/cap, **ONLY** the blue school cap with the logo may be worn which **MUST be purchased from the school office.**

Only plain woolly hats should be worn at other times

Hair, Nails and Jewellery

Children with pierced ears may wear studs only – no other jewellery may be worn in school. For health and safety reasons long hair should be tied up and parents are asked to ensure that hair bands, hair slides, scrunchies or ribbons are also plain and in school colours (no patterns, flowers etc.)

No nail varnish or nail extensions.

No makeup or tattoos.

We expect hairstyles that avoid extreme styles. E.g. dyed or tinted hair, shaved heads, patterns or lines cut into the hair and gelled hair are not acceptable. **Please check with the school first if you are unsure.**

The Head teacher reserves the right to decide what is "reasonable" in terms of hairstyles and any aspect of the uniform policy. In individual cases where any uniform requirements have not been met, parents will be contacted immediately.

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed, which includes the child having the correct uniform that is clean and in good repair. If a child's uniform does not meet the standards outlined in this policy parents/carers will be informed by a letter which will identify the reason(s) and there will then be a follow up check to ensure the issue has been resolved. We will always try to act in a reasonable manner and involve parents at an early stage.

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