

# St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



'Love one another as Jesus loves us.'

Together with the love of Jesus and our Gospel values, we will embrace each child's uniqueness and create a journey of love and enjoyment where we support our families and children in being the best they can be!

**We, the Governing Body of St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School have considered and reviewed the attached policy; agree to accept all the statements, principles and procedures as listed in the document.**

Signed Chair of Governors \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. P Regan \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ September 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

# ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

## Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- fosters a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- sets a high standard of appearance for all, whilst clothing pupils in practical, cost effective school wear.

All children at St Michael and All Angels wear their school uniform with pride. It contributes to a sense of belonging and teamwork. Therefore when your child joins St Michael and All Angels, we are all in a shared agreement that:

It is the responsibility of children, parents and carers to ensure that the correct St Michael's school uniform is worn at all times;

It is the responsibility of St Michael and All Angels staff to promote high expectations with the school uniform.

Our uniform is affordable, non gender specific and aligned with the Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms Bill (Act 2021) <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2615>.

Our St Michael and All Angels badge is important, however we understand that this adds additional cost to a family when buying a uniform so we advise that one item of uniform with the logo is enough.

Names on each item of the uniform helps children identify their own items of clothing, especially cardigans and jumpers which are often taken off in warmer weather.

## The role of parents

We expect all parents to support the school uniform policy; as acknowledged in our home/school agreement. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and well-presented including a suitable hair style; ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

Parents are also responsible for ensuring their children come to school in a coat suitable for the forecast weather conditions each day.

## The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## General Guidelines

- ‘Extreme’ haircuts are not permitted in school (‘extreme’ being any haircut that is considered by the school to be significantly different so as to cause distraction to others, and therefore their learning; and therefore not in keeping with the school’s ethos. Examples of haircuts not permitted include: tram lines or equivalent, shaved sides with longer hair across the centre. This list is not exhaustive). When joining the school, parents/carers are expected to fully support this policy at all times.
- Long hair should be tied back at all times and short hair in a suitable style for school.
- No jewellery, except small, plain studs for pierced ears and wrist watches – both of which must be removed for P.E. (Ear studs can be covered with plasters for the first few weeks until they can be safely removed).
- No make-up to be worn in school.
- Children may wear caps or hats to protect themselves from the sun or adverse weather conditions. These items are not to be worn indoors.

**All children need a labelled water bottle bought into school daily. This can be any type of water bottle.**

## Boys

### Winter:

- Blue St Michael and All Angels Sweatshirt
- Blue or white polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers (shorts in the summer - optional)
- Grey or black socks
- Appropriate Black footwear – no trainers, flip flops or shoes with wheels

### Summer:

As above with the addition of:

- Grey shorts

## Girls

### Winter:

- Blue St Michael and All Angels Sweatshirt or Cardigan
- Blue or white polo shirt
- Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
- Grey tights or socks
- Appropriate Black footwear – no trainers, flip flops or shoes with wheels

### Summer:

As above with the addition of:

- Blue and white gingham dress in the summer (optional)

## PE & Games (Boys and Girls)

- Plain white t-shirt
- Blue shorts
- Pumps
- Navy or Royal Blue Joggers
- Navy or Royal Blue Sweatshirt/Hooded Top

## Non Compliance of School Uniform Policy

As a pupil of St Michael and All Angels you agree to the school uniform policy. A reminder letter will be issued to parents in an instance of non-compliance and a phone call from SLT will take place if there is continued need for support in this area.

## Uniform

Jumpers, cardigans, PE Kits and Book Bags can be purchased from the school office.

You can also purchase uniform items from:

- Wirral Uniform Centre, Pyramids Shopping Centre, 2 Princes Pavement, Grange Precinct, Birkenhead CH41 2XY
- We have a second-hand items of uniform available in school. These items are all in excellent condition. We regularly hold 'exchange' sales.
- St Michael and All Angels also donate to Wirral FUSS/FUPS (Free Uniforms for Primary Schools). We advise parents of local hub events when free uniforms are available for parents to collect. <https://wirralfuss.co.uk/>

## Appendix 1 – School uniform letter to parents



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### School Uniform Reminder

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that your child has recently not complied with our school uniform policy.

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- fosters a feeling of community and belonging;
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- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- sets a high standard of appearance for all, whilst clothing pupils in practical, cost effective school wear.

Listed below is the item of clothing/uniform which does not comply with our policy.

Please can you ensure that this is resolved at the earliest opportunity - within one to five days.

If there are problems resolving the uniform issue or you would like to discuss the matter further then please ask to speak to the Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Ralph

Headteacher

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**Item of Uniform to be resolved:**

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## School PE Kit Reminder

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that your child has recently not complied with our school PE Kit guidelines as stated in our school uniform policy.

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Listed below is the item of PE kit which does not comply with our policy. Please can you ensure that this is resolved at the earliest opportunity - within one to five days.

If there are problems resolving the PE kit issue or you would like to discuss the matter further then please ask to speak to the Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Ralph  
Headteacher

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### Item of PE kit to be resolved:

- o Blue Shorts
- o White T-shirt
- o Pumps
- o Royal Blue or Navy Blue – Joggers and Sweatshirt