

## St John's C of E Primary Academy

### Uniform Policy



*Our Academy is More Than a School—We're a welcoming and nurturing family, who love and support one another. As a school community we are inspired by the message and example of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) and seek to live as people of hope and hospitality. We shine with resilience, strive for excellence, and embody agape—unconditional love, welcoming and enabling all to flourish.*

*We ask ourselves, and each other: How have you REACHed out today?*

***Resilience, Excellence, Agape, Community, and Hope (REACH)***

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**Trust Headteacher: N Brennan**

**Chair of CLAC: Z. Heath**

**Agreed by CLAC:**

At St. John's we believe that the wearing of school uniform is a key part in creating and maintaining our school community. It helps children to feel that they belong, and it engenders a sense of pride. It prevents differences between children on economic grounds as everyone looks the same.

The uniform as set out in this policy is compulsory for all pupils. At St John's we understand that children cannot be held responsible for the clothes they are provided with. If a child arrives incorrectly dressed, parents and/or carers will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. Children may also be given spare uniform after arrival to correct any inconsistencies. If there is a specific reason why your child has temporarily come to school without the correct uniform parents/carers should inform the school as quickly as possible.

We are confident that parents will continue to support us in our 'smart look' and ensure their children are correctly dressed for school.

### **Uniform**

All children (EYFS to Y6) need:-

- Blue sweatshirt or blue cardigan
- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Black trousers or black shorts / black skirt (No Leggings)
- Black shoes appropriate for school wear (No boots/heels/trainers)
- Black, grey or white socks / black or grey tights
- Blue, black or hair-coloured hair bobble for long hair

In summer or on warmer days, there is also the option to wear a blue and white gingham dress.

### **PE Uniform**

For PE all children (Reception – Year 6) need:-

- Plain white T-shirt OR collar-less plain T-shirt based on house (Red - St. Peter, Blue - St. Andrew, Yellow - St James, Green - St. John, or White)
- Black PE shorts or black tracksuit/jogging bottoms
- Plimsolls/pumps/trainers
- Plain Black Tracksuit Top / Plain Sweatshirt (Outdoor Winter) – Optional
- Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms - (Outdoor Winter) – Optional

PE Kit should be worn for After-School sporting clubs. All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo.

### **Jewellery and Hair Accessories:**

Physical activity is something the children will participate in on a daily basis therefore we kindly ask that earrings are not worn at all in school for their PE lesson for the children's safety.

However, if earrings are worn to school, they must be small studs and must be removed by your child for PE as we cannot put tape over the top. Also, it is essential that long hair, shoulder length or longer, should be tied back using a plain black, hair-colour or school uniform colour hair band. Small bows (up to 6cm) and other accessories such as hair scrunchies are permitted but must be either navy or light blue.

### **Religion and Beliefs**

At St. John's we pride ourselves in being a welcoming, multicultural community and we will always be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and will act reasonably in accommodating these, without compromising safety or discipline within the school. We believe any concerns in this regard can be addressed through dialogue and understanding.

### **Flexibility and Non-Discrimination**

Children will not be discriminated against, in terms of uniform expectations, based on cost or availability (eg a boy and a girl should have the same expectations in terms of cost and availability). Children with protected characteristics will not be discriminated against. Individual needs and requirements will be addressed on an individual basis, through dialogue, reasonable adjustments and fair decision making, in a discrete and thoughtful way.

### **Obtaining uniform**

There are several ways to obtain the correct uniform for our academy:

Online – Uniform can be ordered from [Home stjohncofe](#) You can choose for uniform to be delivered to your home or the school.

School supplies shop – Uniform can be purchased from First Choice Fashionwear, 26 Union Street, Wednesbury. 0121 505 7100

Charity shops – We have several charity shops in Wednesbury town centre that sell previously loved uniform.

School clothes rail – All families are welcome to take previously loved uniform from the clothes rail in our main reception. If you are looking for a particular size or style please speak to Mrs Boughton.

Super markets – Our local supermarkets including Morrisons, Asda and Aldi sell non branded uniform.

Annual uniform sale – In the summer term we hold a uniform sale where you are welcome to purchase items. All uniform is donated by families where children have outgrown the clothes. Prices range from 50p per item. However, we never want cost to be a barrier to our pupils belonging to St John's. If you are unable to pay for clothes you are freely welcome to take the ones required for your child(ren).