



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
"where everyone is special"



P73: Uniform Policy

Mission Statement

With Christ at the heart of our Catholic community,
our mission is to:

- ✘ nurture the potential in each individual,
- ✘ celebrate achievement,
- ✘ and develop an awareness of service
to God and each other

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Principles

The wearing of an agreed uniform is an acknowledged and accepted part of life at English Martyrs and it is expected when applying for admission to the school that the parents endorse our uniform policy. The school is proud of its reputation and by wearing appropriate school uniform it reinforces good levels of behaviour, high standards, which has an impact on overall learning.

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy and in our school prospectus. All items are clearly labelled. Parents can purchase the school uniform from **Brigade** or **Schoolwear Solutions**. There is a shop for **Schoolwear Solutions** based in Nuneaton. It is highly recommended to place orders online. There is a small stock of uniform supplied by Brigade.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind
- Uniform assists good levels of behaviour and is conducive to effective learning



Boys' uniform

- Grey plain trousers or shorts
- White shirt, which is to be worn with a school tie OR white polo shirt (no tie)
- Royal Blue jumper with the school logo (purchased through Brigade or Schoolwear Solutions).
- Grey, black or white socks
- Black plain school shoes (no trainers or boots)

Girls' uniform

- Grey plain trousers, shorts, skirt/culottes and pinafores
- White shirt, which is to be worn with a school tie OR white polo shirt (no tie)
- Royal Blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo (purchased through Brigade or Schoolwear Solutions).
- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey Tights (for winter)
- Black plain school shoes (no trainers or boots)
- (Summer Term only to Autumn Half term). Check blue and white gingham dress for the summer (not to be worn with tights) with white socks.



Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA)

- Dark blue shorts for indoor PE (no skorts)
- Blue polo shirt with the school logo (purchased through Brigade or Schoolwear Solutions).
- For outside in colder weather, children must have a blue hoodie, with the school logo, purchased by Brigade or Schoolwear Solutions.
- For outside in colder weather, if children wish to wear tracksuit bottoms they must be the tracksuit provided by the Brigade or Schoolwear Solutions. Non-branded navy blue tracksuit bottoms, ideally from Brigade or Schoolwear Solutions. No leggings or compression tights please.
- Trainers are needed for sports outdoors and some inside activities, some indoor activities will be bare feet.



PE is part of the national curriculum and is compulsory in schools. For health and safety reasons children must wear PE kit. Any child who is unable to take part in a PE lesson must have a letter from the parents informing the school of the reason.

If a child has a verruca then they are to notify the school by letter and their child will be permitted to wear black pumps indoors until the verruca has gone. The staff member will risk assess whether they are able to do all indoor activities e.g. wall apparatus would not be permitted with pumps. For swimming the child must wear a verruca sock.

No jewellery is to be worn during PE, including watches and earrings. Only fitness bands provided by the school are permitted to be worn.

Hair that is below the shoulders must be tied up with a suitably soft item to prevent entanglement in apparatus and to prevent vision being obscured in a safe manner for PESSPA.

Forest School

Children are required to bring their own suitable clothing for the sessions. If they are struggling with this then they need to make contact with the Forest School Leader at the earliest opportunity. As a school, we will have some clothing and wellies but it is impossible to have enough for everyone in the correct sizes and it is also a lot more comfortable for children to have their own clothes and footwear.

Suggested clothing list

Winter

Vest or T-shirt
Long sleeved top
Hooded top / fleece or thick jumper
Waterproof jacket and trousers
Thick socks (thermal or two pairs of thin ones)
Trousers
Wellington boots
Hat, gloves and scarf.

Summer

Long sleeved T-shirt or top
Light trousers (Arms and legs must be covered in the Forest School area)
Socks
Trainers, sturdy shoes or Wellington boots. (Sandals, crocs and flip-flops are not suitable.)
Sunhat

Participants are also responsible for providing and applying their own sunscreen themselves before they

come to school in line with the usual school practice. If insect repellent is required the usual 'administration of medicines' procedure will be followed.

Optional Items

- Book bags, Ties - with and without clip on-- Reversible fleeces, PE pump bags, be purchased through Brigade or Schoolwear Solutions.

Be Loved Uniform Sale

During each term, the PTFA will collate lost property and any unwanted uniforms from parents. They will wash the uniforms and hold a sale. This is to support our environment and sell reusable items. It also helps parents with the cost of uniform.

Jewellery

Earrings are permissible as long as they are **small studs** which the child is able to remove for PE. Studs which are permanently screwed into place are extremely dangerous and should not be worn in school. Watches are allowed to assist with telling the time. The school accepts no responsibility for items of jewellery brought into school which are lost.

Make up and Cosmetics

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children unless there is a specific event for which the Head has given prior permission.

Nail Varnish

Nail varnish is not to be worn in the school. All nail varnish must be removed when children return to school.

Hair

We ask parents to encourage their child to have a hairstyle appropriate to the age and activity of the child and in keeping with school values. Children are not allowed to come to school with their heads shaved or hair dyed. Haircuts which involve tram lines or pictures/symbols in the hair are not permissible. Children should not be wearing elaborate headbands, scarves or hair decorations, embellishments (beads).

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name
If you have any questions, please speak to the Headteacher.