



St. Andrew's Primary Chardstock

Uniform Policy

This Policy has 'Safeguarding Children and Child Protection' and the academy's Mission Statement and Aims at its heart.

1. Rationale

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending, or when participating in an organised event outside normal academy hours, including when they are representing St Andrew's at inter-academy sporting events. We provide a complete list of the items needed for the St Andrew's Academy uniform in this policy and on our website.

2. Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the academy
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the academy
- is not distracting in class
- 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

Our colours are navy and green.

3. Uniform

Boys:

Grey school trousers or shorts
Green Polo Shirt
Navy blue sweatshirt with logo
Grey socks
Black school shoes

Girls:

Grey skirts, pinafore or trousers
Green Polo Shirt
Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
White socks or grey tights
Black school shoes/sandals
School navy check summer dress

P.E. Kit:

Green T-Shirt

Navy blue shorts

Navy or black plain track suit style trousers and tops may be worn for outdoor games

Trainers (for outdoor P.E.) or plimsolls (indoor P.E.)

Strong drawstring bag clearly marked with the child's name to hold all the above

PE kit should be kept in school all week. A child with incorrect footwear will be unable to join in a P.E lesson.

All items with the school logo/colours are available from through School Trends i.e. jumpers, cardigans, sweatshirts, PE kit, polo shirts. The school will make every effort to ensure these items are of reasonable quality and an affordable price.

Optional – reversible coat/fleece with logo, fleece with logo, winter coat with logo. These are also available through School Trends.

The remainder of the uniform is available from most high street stores.

We would appreciate parents' cooperation and support in ensuring that children are correctly dressed for all school activities, including P.E. and games.

Additional Items

The school sells, water bottles, rucksacks and book bags.

Please mark all uniform with your child's name.

Children in our pre-school are encouraged to wear academy uniform but it is not mandatory.

Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium are able to claim free uniform. Details are available from the school office.

4. Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. School shoes should have flat heels and boots should not be worn. We do not allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear and are not in keeping with the smart appearance of the school uniform. Sandals should be flat heeled and have a heel strap.

5. Hair and appearance

In the interests of hygiene and safety, children's hair should be tied back if it is long enough to reach the shoulders. Hairstyles should be smart, and not extreme in nature, as these styles can become a distraction, or a source of social isolation. This includes tramlines, colours or 'Mohican' styles and the use of hair gels should be avoided - if in doubt please ask first. Hair accessories should be discrete and reflect the school colours. Parents should also be aware that tattoos and nail polish are not permitted.

6. Jewellery

Children can become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing and for this reason and health and safety concerns, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted. Inexpensive watches may be worn but these must be removed for P.E. Parents who wish for their child to have their ears pierced should arrange for this at the start of the summer holidays only - this will give sufficient time for healing to take place. If plain studs have to be worn they must be covered with a plaster during all PE activities.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Mobile phones should not be brought into school.

7. Seasonal Safety

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet.

On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by wearing a hat or cap and wearing an appropriate SPF sun-screen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sun-screen. The exception to this is in the pre-school where permission will be sought from parents for the staff to apply).

The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school.

8. The role of parents

We ask all parents to support the school Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children correctly dressed, in uniform that is clean and in good repair, ready for their daily schoolwork. In the event of infringement of the Uniform Policy, in the first instance a member of staff would have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding any explanation for the infringement and any remedial action that might be required (for example, a child might be asked to change into P.E. pumps if their footwear is unsuitable). In the event of persistent or flagrant infringements, the Head of School is responsible for enforcing the Uniform Policy and will contact parents.

If any parent would like the Uniform Policy modified, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head of School. We welcome children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious why parents would want their child to wear clothes that differ from the uniform, the academy will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head of School.

9. The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Head of School in implementing the Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Head of School to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our Uniform Policy is consistent with our Equality Policy. Governors ensure that the Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

10. Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it
- consider with the Head of School any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations
- require the Head of School to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every **two years**, or earlier if considered necessary.

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This Policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Safeguarding Children and Child Protection
- Positive Behaviour and Discipline
- Equality