



St. Catherine's School

Uniform Policy

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At St Catherine's children are expected to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside of normal school hours.

We believe that wearing the school uniform promotes a sense of pride in both themselves and their school and supports the school vision to *"Let your light shine."* In writing this policy, we have considered how the wearing of school uniform;

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart - promoting children to be independent
- identifies the children with the school
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

Buying school uniform

Most of our unbranded (blue/grey) uniform items can be purchased at local supermarkets and high street shops at a range of costs. Branded items with the school logo can be ordered via the school office. A price list can be found on our website [Helpful Information – St Catherine's School \(stcaths.herts.sch.uk\)](https://www.stcaths.herts.sch.uk) and in the entrance area but all orders must be placed with the school office.

The school keeps a stock of good quality second hand branded uniform which parents and carers can select for a small donation. Second hand uniform is always available via the school office. We also endeavour to hold a pre-loved uniform sale each half term.

A uniform for all

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. On occasion, there may be a legitimate religious or SEN related reason why parents request alternatives to the school uniform. Families should request a meeting with a member of the SLT/Inclusion team in order to work together and agree any adjustments. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the SLT / Inclusion Team. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is that children with pierced ears may wear one small gold, silver or neutral stud earring in each ear (no hoops) which they must be able to remove without help for P.E.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that are un-natural in colour or cut/shave. We request that children with long hair have it tied back during school hours for health and safety reasons. Hair accessories, eg, hair bands and bobbles should reflect the school colours or be neutral. Parents should also be aware that tattoos and nail polish are not permitted.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. School shoes should be plain black – a smart pair of plain black trainers can be worn instead but all other trainer or sport shoes must be worn for PE only.

OUR UNIFORM LIST

- Grey trousers/skirt
- A light blue polo shirt with collar (with/without logo)
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan (with/without school logo)
- Black shoes/trainers/boots in the winter
- Grey, white, blue, black socks/tights
- Warm/waterproof coat – with high visibility

Out in all weathers

We encourage children to make the most of our extensive outside area and encourage children to play outside in all weather.

- In the Summer term and warmer weather children may wear;
- Grey shorts
- Blue/white checked school summer dress, along with their normal uniform.
- In the Autumn term and wet weather, all children must have;
- Waterproof coat/jacket
- Waterproof trousers or 'all in one' splash suit
- Wellies (to be kept in school) or a change of shoes if they are to play on the field in muddy

A separate PE kit must be worn on PE days

- Navy blue t-shirt (with or without logo)
- Navy blue jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- School blue PE hoodie (with logo)

PLEASE ENSURE **ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY NAMED** WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME OR INITIALS

Early Years Uniform

Our Early Years uniform allows the children to explore the learning environment without feeling restricted. This enables them to become more independent, explore outside in all weathers and manage their toileting needs.

- A sky-blue polo shirt with collar
- Navy joggers
- Navy jumper or hoodie (school logo optional)
- Black trainers (NOT plimsolls)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers or 'all in one' splash suit (these can stay in school)
- Wellies (to keep in school)