

# St Paul's Church of England Primary School

## School Uniform and Appearance Policy



Adopted by Governing Body – June 2022

Review schedule- Every 3 yrs (or as necessary)

Next review- Summer 2025

### School Vision

***At St Paul's, we will nurture and inspire all children to enjoy a life-long journey of discovery and friendship. Through God's love and Jesus' teachings, our school community will support each child to flourish as curious, compassionate and resilient citizens with a love of learning.***

*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*

*Proverbs 22:6*

In order to fulfil this Vision, the Governing Body have agreed this policy.

### Introduction

At St Paul's CE Primary School, we expect all children to wear school uniform and be of smart appearance. Our uniform does much to engender pride in the school, as well as creating a sense of identity and belonging. Wearing school uniform also gives all children a greater sense of equality: no one is singled out for not having the latest designer brands. The uniform is also comfortable, practical, hard-wearing and cost effective.

***Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.***

### Main Uniform Expectations

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
- Year 6 embroidered fleeces (optional)
- Blue polo shirt with the school logo
- Grey school skirt or pinafore
- Grey school trousers or school shorts (not tight-fitting)
- Sensible black school shoes with plain white, grey or black socks.

### PE Uniform

- House-colour T-shirt with logo
- Black shorts
- Black plimsolls (optional but useful for indoor PE)
- Blue, half-zip sports top, with school logo
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no logos, badges or stripes)
- Trainers for outdoor P.E. and The Daily Mile (predominantly white or black uppers)

For swimming lessons (Year 5& 6) children should have swimming trunks (no Bermuda style shorts) or a plain 1-piece swimming costume. Swimming hats must be worn.

## **Jewellery/ Watches**

No jewellery is permitted except for simple, plain stud ear-rings in pierced ears. We ask that no earrings are worn on PE days (please see Partnership Books.) If deciding to have ears pierced, the start of the summer holiday is the best time, as earrings can be taken out by the time children return to school. An inexpensive wrist watch, may be worn.

## **Hair Styles**

These should be neat and tidy with long hair tied back to aid concentration and prevent the spread of head lice. Hair should be of a natural colour with no close shaving or sharp contrasts in length. Large and elaborate hair accessories should not be worn and any simple bobbles, clips and hair bands should complement school colours. (Blue, black or blue gingham.)

## **Seasonal Wear**

In Winter, black or grey tights may be worn and children should have a school or similar coat. After Easter, blue gingham dresses may be worn. White ankle socks with a blue gingham trim are also permitted. A sun hat is recommended. Please note that after **October 1st**, winter uniform must be worn: no summer dresses. This is to ensure that the children are warm enough during playtimes and outdoor learning opportunities.

## **Cultural or Religious Considerations**

Uniform expectations may be modified for religious or cultural reasons. Please contact the Headteacher.

## **Bags and Rucksacks**

Children should have a school book bag in Years R- Y4. In Year 5 and Year 6, a school rucksack may be purchased instead. Due to limited cloak room space, no other school bags are permitted.

## **Sustainability and Value**

We have thought about the quality versus price of our school uniform. For example, multi-packs of plain polo shirts would be cheaper than our embroidered polo shirt. However, a parent focus group reported that the logo version was much more hard-wearing, less liable to staining and dried far quicker than supermarket, plain versions. Multiple suppliers are available for almost all items. Where there is only a single supplier (sports half-zip top), the school offers a whole-school order, at a discounted price. Regular second-hand uniform sales, also take place.

## **Where to Purchase**

Many non-logo items can be purchased inexpensively, from supermarkets or on-line. Items with the school logo are available from local stores including:

Example Uniform: <https://exampleschooluniforms.com/>

Rosebuddies: <http://www.rosebuddiesonline.co.uk/>

My Clothing: <https://myclothing.com/>

Liss Sport (PE, half-zip top): <https://www.lissport.co.uk/>

***If your child accesses Pupil Premium Funding, items of uniform, with the school logo, are available free of charge. Please speak to the school office, if you think you may be eligible.***

## **Uniform Warnings**

Letters or emails, about correct uniform and appearance expectations, may be issued if this policy is not followed. Current and/or future positions in school groups such as House Captains, School Council and Worship Team, as well as selection for school sports teams, may be affected.