



St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

## Uniform Policy

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## **1 Introduction:**

St. Mary Magdalene's Roman Catholic Primary School provided by the Diocese of Salford and is maintained by Lancashire Local Authority as a voluntary aided primary school.

The ethos of this school is Catholic. The school was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. The school is conducted by its Governing Body as part of the Catholic in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

## **2 Philosophy and purpose**

It is our belief that wearing a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and engenders a feeling of community and belonging.

## **3 Aims**

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

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.

## **4 School Uniform:**

Purple school logo jumper (purple with black trim and school logo)

Purple school logo cardigan option for girls also.

***\*Optional purple blazer for year five and six pupils\****

White shirt (long or short sleeved) with a school tie.

Black shoes with Black socks (or black tights for girls).

\*Please note that black trainers are **not** acceptable at shoes.\*

**Girls:** School skirt (purple and black plaid) or purple check dress. White ankle socks may also be worn.

Back school trousers (not leggings).

**Boys:** Black trousers or black tailored shorts

We have two suppliers for School Uniform.

**The school Uniform can be purchased from:**

**RVS (Clitheroe)**

**Bank House, Harris Court, Wellgate, Clitheroe, BB7 2DP**

**Tel: 01200 443733**

**<https://rvsschoolwear.co.uk/>**

This supplier will drop uniform at school.

**Moonline Uniforms Ltd**

**33, 37 Standish St, Burnley BB11 1AP**

**Tel: 01282 423030**

**<https://moonlineuniforms.airposwebstore.com/>**

**5 Active Uniform:** Active Uniform is the same for both boys and girls. White t-shirt, black or navy shorts, jogging bottoms and hoodie. The children will need black PE Pumps in addition to training shoes.

If children are doing PE inside, they will need black pumps. If they do not have pumps in school, they will have to complete the lesson in bare feet.

Active Uniform should be named and in a named bag.

The Active uniform is still a uniform so please ensure that your child is not wearing football t shirts or logos. The Active uniform is available at a reasonable price from local supermarkets or online.

For those children that are entitled to FSM/Pupil Premium or if any families are struggling to purchase uniform, please contact Miss Keenan, the Pastoral Manager.

**6 Hair:** Long hair should be tied up neatly in black/purple band. Sensible black or purple headbands can be worn but fashionable jewelled hairpieces may need to be removed due to health and safety.

**7 Earrings:** Studs only please for Health and Safety. On PE Days, earrings will need to be removed on the day or by the child. We are unable to remove earrings or cover with sticking plaster. Your child will miss PE if they are unable to remove the earrings. If your child is having earring piercings, please ensure this is at the start of the summer holidays as the studs must stay in 6 weeks.

**8 Shoes:** Black, sensible shoes that the children can fasten. No Training shoes unless it is Active Uniform Day. If training shoes are worn on a normal school day, they will be asked to wear their pumps.

**9 Accessories:** No nail varnish/make-up or jewellery to be worn at school. Analogue or digital watches are permitted but they may get damaged or lost. Apple watches are not permitted as they are a distraction.

**10 School bags:** Children need to bring to school a reading bag only. The pump bags can remain in school. Pencil cases and own stationery is not permitted. Handbags and large ruck sacks are not permitted. There are some exceptions to the rule eg. changing houses after school etc. Reading books should be brought into school every day.

**11 Water bottles:** Every child must bring a named water bottle to school and take it home every night. The water bottles should contain water. This area has a high proportion of dental decay in children and much of it attributed to sugary drinks and diet. If there is a medical reason for not having water, then please write to school.

**12 Mobile phones:** Only those children in Year 5 and Year 6 who have permission letters to walk home may need to bring a mobile phone to school. The phone should be switched off and handed into the office for the school day.

### **13 Roles and responsibilities**

**Headteacher:** The Headteacher will revisit and revise the policy annually.

**Governors:** Governors will monitor the appropriateness of the policy annually.

**Staff:** Staff will ensure pupils are aware of the policy and monitor compliance.

**Parents:** We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

**Pupils:** Pupils will respect the policy and make every effort to comply.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. 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 Headteacher.

Any pupil refusing to follow staff instructions regarding the school uniform and its associated areas, will be subject to the schools behaviour policy procedures and consequences.

The school reserves the right to send children home if they do not arrive in the correct school uniform. Parents who have problems regarding school uniform should contact the Headteacher directly.

#### **14 Sharing the policy**

This policy will be provided for parents on induction evening, or at any other stage that their child joins the school. The policy will be sent to all parents in the late summer term before uniforms are purchased for the coming year. A copy of the uniform policy can also be viewed on our school website in the key information section.