

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## UNIFORM POLICY (2026)

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### Introduction

At St. Peter's Church of England Primary School, we believe that a school uniform plays an important role in promoting a sense of identity, belonging and pride in our school community. We encourage all children to wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

This policy has been developed with regard to the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms (2025) and the non-statutory guidance on developing school uniform policies.

A full list of uniform items is available on the school website.

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### School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Optional red fleece jacket
- White or red polo shirt, or white shirt/blouse
- Grey or black trousers or school shorts
- Grey or black pinafore dress or skirt
- During warmer months, girls may also wear a red and white gingham summer dress.

Uniform with the school logo embroidered can be ordered with Emblematic via the link on our school website. Branded items are optional and non-branded alternatives are acceptable.

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## Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
  - Encourages a sense of community and belonging
  - Is practical, smart and suitable for school activities
  - Identifies children as members of the school community
  - Reduces distractions caused by fashion clothing
  - Promotes equality among pupils
  - Represents good value for money for families
  - Is designed with health and safety in mind
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## Jewellery and Appearance

A watch may be worn (not SMART), which children take responsibility for. Children may wear small stud earrings; however, these must be removed and left at home on days when children have PE, represent the school in sporting activities, or attend swimming lessons.

Children are not permitted to wear makeup or nail varnish to school.

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## Footwear

To support children's health and safety, footwear with platform soles or high heels is not suitable for school. Crocs or wellies are not appropriate. The most appropriate and encouraged footwear is black school shoes.

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## PE and School Sporting Activities

A school PE kit consists of a white or red t-shirt and black or blue shorts. PE kit does not need to be branded and can be purchased from any retailer.

Children may also bring a tracksuit top and bottoms for colder months. A change of footwear is required for PE, preferably trainers or black plimsolls, or other suitable outdoor footwear for sporting activities.

On most occasions when children represent the school at sporting events, appropriate kit will be provided by the school.

Failure to have the appropriate PE kit may result in children missing the session, with parents/carers being informed. PE Kit is also required for After School Sports Clubs.

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## Labelling

All items of uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name. This can be done using iron-on labels, shoe labels, or by writing the child's name on the clothing label. Please ensure that labelling is renewed throughout the school year.

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## Cost of School Uniform

The school is mindful that the cost of school uniform can be a concern for families. Parents and carers are expected to support the school's uniform policy by ensuring children attend school in the agreed school uniform wherever possible and are appropriately dressed for learning.

Uniform does not need to be branded and can be purchased from a range of retailers, including supermarkets. The school keeps the use of branded items to a minimum.

The school holds a small supply of good-quality second-hand uniform, which can be made available to families who may need support.

No child will be excluded from school, denied access to education, or disciplined solely because of an inability to meet uniform requirements due to cost or other legitimate reasons.

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## Equality and Inclusion

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. Reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy will be made where necessary to meet the needs of individual pupils, including adjustments related to disability, sensory needs, religion, belief, or medical conditions, in line with the Equality Act 2010.

Requests for variations to the school uniform on religious or other serious grounds will be considered sympathetically.

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## The Role of Parents and Carers

We ask parents and carers to support the school uniform policy and ensure children come to school appropriately dressed and ready for learning. If a child's clothing is deemed inappropriate for school, parents and carers will be contacted to discuss suitable alternatives and offer support where needed.

If any parent or carer wishes to request a change or raise a concern about the uniform policy, they should do so in the first instance with the Headteacher.

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## The Role of Governors

The Local Governing Board supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors consider representations from parents and carers and ensure that the policy is applied fairly, sensitively and in line with equal opportunities legislation.

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## Rights Respecting School

This policy supports children's rights, including:

- **Article 8** – The right to an identity
  - **Article 15** – The right to meet friends and join groups
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## Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or sooner if national guidance changes. Any significant changes will be subject to consultation with parents and carers, staff, pupils (where appropriate), and the Local Governing Board.

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