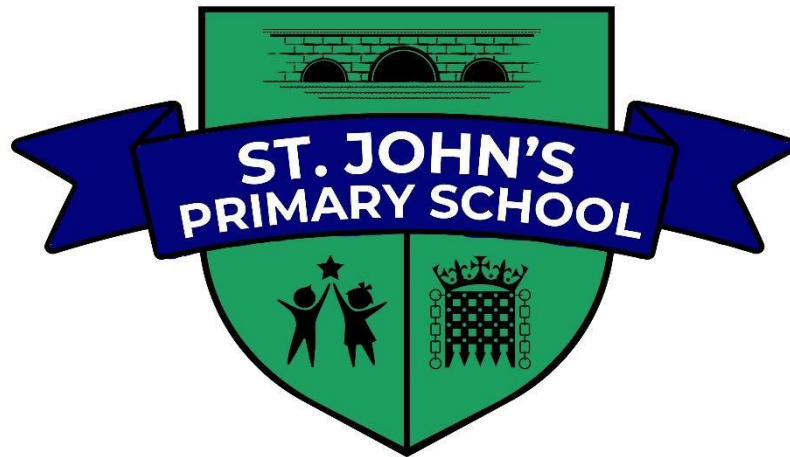




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St John's uniform is an important part of our school. The wearing of our school colours and logo ensures that every child is part of shared identity and as such, it builds the sense of inclusion, belonging and community which are at the heart of our values and ethos. A consistent, smart appearance also supports a culture of pride, and high expectations, whilst reinforcing the idea that each child contributes to the school's ethos.

We believe that a school uniform reduces social pressures linked to fashion or status, so that all of our children participate on equal terms and are able to focus on learning. At the same time, we want our uniform to be practical and comfortable, and ensuring that all children feel at ease.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Green polo shirts.
 - Navy sweatshirts or cardigans with or without the school logo, but without a hood.
 - Navy school fleece (optional)
 - Grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafore dresses. Shorts must be school shorts. Skirts must be of a suitable length (i.e. knee length).
 - Plain, dark tights. Plain dark or white socks. Socks or tights should always be worn.
 - Blue and white check dresses or playsuits for the summer months.
 - Dark school shoes (black, brown or navy. Smart black, brown or navy boots may be worn in very cold or wet weather.
 - In addition, in Foundation and Year 1, children may wear navy blue jogging trousers rather than grey trousers or skirts.
 - Hair should be styled without elaborate decoration, but any colour hairband and ties may be used. Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied up for PE and for any practical work which may result in hair being caught. Ties will be available in each class. Hair should not obstruct vision and should be pulled or clipped off the face if necessary.
 - For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn. Stud earrings are acceptable but must be taken out or covered for PE. Religious observance necklaces, if worn, should be beneath clothing. There is no occasion when the wearing of a ring would be acceptable.
 - Cycling shorts may be worn beneath dresses or skirts in the summer but should not be worn alone.
 - In the summer months, children should have a named sun hat / cap in school. In hot weather, children may be restricted in where they can play without one.
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- **For PE**, children should wear navy or grey shorts with a white t-shirt. In the winter, children should have a plain tracksuit (jogging bottoms and sweatshirt / hoodie). Ideally this should be dark-coloured and have no logos. Trainers should be worn for outdoor PE. Children may wear plimsolls or trainers for indoor PE, but will often work barefoot.
 - In Years Foundation to Year 4, children may come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Year 5 and 6 change in school.
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- **For OWLs**, children should wear warm and comfortable clothes that you are happy to get muddy. They should wear wellies or old trainers. There is no expectation to wear particular colours. Children should wear long-sleeves and full-length bottoms, even in the summer to protect against scratches, nettles and ticks. In winter months, waterproof clothing is helpful but not essential.

- **In Foundation Stage**, it is useful for all children to have wellies in school every day. These can stay in school. Waterproofs are also useful, as the children will access the outside in all weathers.

Variations on the policy

The school will carefully consider reasonable requests to vary the policy to meet the needs of any individual pupil and / or to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations. Parents must put requests in writing to the Headteacher.

In extreme weather conditions, the school may relax certain aspects of the uniform policy to ensure the children remain safe and comfortable. Parents and carers will be notified of any changes via email and Dojo message.

Lost Uniform

We have a lost property area. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to check for an item of lost property. Named items that end up in lost property can easily be returned.

Secondhand uniform

Secondhand uniform is always available. If providing your child with a school uniform will prove financially difficult, you are welcome to speak in confidence to the school office or a member of SLT and we will do all we can to assist you.

Equipment in School

All children should bring a named water bottle to school daily.

Children in Years 3 – 6 may bring a pencil case with colouring pencils if they wish. No child should bring more stationery than colouring pencils, a ruler, rubber and writing pencil / pen. Children do not have storage areas and their working space is not large. If equipment from home is making managing a working space problematic, it will not be allowed in school. The school accepts no responsibility for toys brought to school.

Children should not be bringing toys into school. Where there is a need for a child to have a support cuddly or a fidget item in school, this should be discussed with the class teacher / SENDCo. The school accepts no responsibility for toys brought to school.

Children in Years 5 and 6 whose parents or carers allow them to bring a phone to school must relinquish it immediately and will not be allowed access to it throughout the school day. The school accepts no responsibility for phones brought to school, although we will endeavour to keep them safe.

The Governors & school have used the Department of Education Guidance to set this policy.