



St Augustine of Canterbury RC Primary School

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In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we remember that each person is gifted, unique and loved by God and so in the family of St Augustine's we:

- Welcome everyone in Jesus' name;
- Work together in Jesus' community;
- Follow Jesus' example in all we do;
- Learn with Jesus as our inspiration;
- Grow in faith with Jesus as our leading light.

Uniform Policy

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.

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.

The St. Augustine's School Uniform

Boys

KS1

- Navy V neck jumper with St. Augustine's logo
- Black school trouser
- White polo t-shirt with school logo
- Black shoes
- Black socks

KS2

- Navy V neck jumper with St. Augustine's logo
- Black school trouser
- White shirt (not polo shirt)
- School Tie
- Black shoes
- Black socks

Girls (Autumn & Winter term)

KS1

- Navy V neck jumper or cardigan with St. Augustine's logo
- Navy blue skirt or navy blue trousers
- White polo t-shirt with school logo
- Navy tights / white or navy socks
- Black shoes

KS2 – year 3 to 6

- Navy V neck jumper with St. Augustine’s logo
- Navy blue skirt or navy blue trousers
- White shirt (not polo shirt)
- School Tie
- Black shoes
- Navy tights / white or navy socks

Girls optional Summer uniform. (Summer term only)

- Navy School cardigan with St. Augustine’s logo
- Blue checked summer dress
- White or navy socks
- Black shoes

ONLY BLACK FOOTWEAR IS ALLOWED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS – NO BOOTS

Sports uniform - indoor

- White round neck t-shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Black PE shorts
- Black pumps

Sports uniform -outdoor

- Plain blue jogging bottoms
- Plain blue hoodie top
- Simple basic trainers

It is suggested that girls carry a spare pair of socks in their PE kit should they be wearing tights.

For extra-curricular sports clubs such as football or netball, children may bring their own suitable kit with outdoor footwear if the training takes place outside.

When swimming, junior children will need a full swimming costume (no bikini’s) or swimming trunks (no Bermuda style shorts.) Children are permitted to wear goggles for swimming if there is a medical reason which has been identified in a letter from parents to school. All girls are expected to wear a swimming hat for lessons.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear ANY jewellery in our school.

Hair

- Pupils should be well groomed with clean hair and the whole face visible at all times. Hair should be one natural colour.
- Extreme hairstyles, including unnatural colours, hair extensions or decorative beads are not allowed.
- Severe haircuts, shaven heads (number 2 or less) and decorative designs are not allowed.
- Plain hair accessories such as a navy bobble, navy headband or clip may be worn by girls but large hair accessories such as bows or hair extensions will not be permitted. Braiding is not permitted.

Nail Varnish

Nail Varnish should not be worn by pupils at any time. If a pupil does wear varnish, they will be asked to remove with a product supplied by school. False nails are not permitted.

Footwear

Only plain, black footwear is permitted in school. There must be no designer labels, logos or markings on shoes. 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. For health and safety reasons, we do not allow the wearing of boots or wellingtons in school. Staff will accommodate the need of boots in cold weather by allowing children time to change from their shoes for outdoor time.

Trainers are not considered smart and often fall into the 'fashion' category of footwear, therefore they are not permitted to be worn inside school. Children may wear them for outdoor games and PE sessions. If children come to school in unsuitable footwear, they will be expected to wear their PE pumps whilst inside the school building. If they do not have their PE pumps, the school will provide them with some to wear, or in the rare case that there are not any spare, the school will call parents to resolve the issue either by taking the child home or providing alternative footwear for them.

Clothing

Correct uniform must be worn at all times. No other jackets, cardigans, fleeces etc. will be allowed to be worn inside the school building. PE t-shirts should have no logos other than our school logo, badges, labels or markings on them. During periods of severe weather such as snow, children will be permitted to wear wellingtons or boots, but will be expected to change into school shoes whilst in the building.

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 their 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.

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.

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