



## School Uniform Policy

*'Whatever we do, we do it for the glory of God.'*

The purpose of having a school uniform at St Simon's Catholic Primary School is to create a feeling of belonging within our learners. The school has high expectations and standards and this is reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform. We also believe that a school uniform helps to create a sense of community and should unite children together as part of St Simon's family. We expect our uniform to be worn with pride.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To maintain a strong sense of identity, pride and belonging within our school
- To promote consistently high standards of behaviour, attitude and dress.
- To respect variations to school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.
- To avoid unnecessary clothing expense for parents.

We expect all pupils (Reception – Year 6) to follow the dress code. Parents should communicate with us if there is a specific reason why their child is unable to follow this policy.

There is no obligation for children attending our Nursery setting to comply with the Uniform policy, but parents / carers may prefer them to so.

### **AUTUMN / WINTER UNIFORM**

- Navy blue skirt, pinafore or trousers. Skirt should be knee length
- White blouse or shirt
- Red v – necked sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
- School tie
- Black shoes, NOT trainers

Those wearing a skirt: navy, red or white tights or white socks

Those wearing trousers: black socks

### **SUMMER UNIFORM\***

- Navy blue short – sleeved polo shirt (with school logo)

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- Navy blue shorts, trousers or pinafore or red and white fully checked dress / culotte – dress
- Black shoes, NOT trainers

Those wearing shorts or trousers: black socks

Those wearing a pinafore or checked dress: white socks

\*Summer uniform may be worn during Autumn 1 term until October half term if weather is particularly warm and again in Summer 1 and Summer 2 term, after the Easter break.

## **PE**

- Pale blue polo shirt ( no logo)
- Plain navy blue shorts or joggers (no logos)
- Red jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Black or white socks
- Trainers (Velcro fastening for the children in EYFS, Y1 & Y2).
- No football kits

## **HAIR, JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES**

- No jewellery allowed, except for a watch, once the child can tell the time.
- Watches – to be analogue or digital. No smart watches. Fitbits are allowed.
- All watches should be removed for PE.
- No earrings. Tape is not to be applied as a covering. Retainers can be worn.
- Hair accessories are to be kept to a discreet minimum and in navy blue or red neither large bows nor headbands with decorative pieces are allowed.
- Dyed hair or shaved tramlines are not allowed.
- Hair styles should be neat and tidy and promote our high standards of dress.
- Longer hair must be tied up.
- Nail varnish or makeup should not be worn in school.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

- Children must bring a coat to school each day. A warmer coat for the cooler months and a lightweight one for the warmer months. All coats must be waterproof.
- Every item of uniform must be clearly marked with the child's name.
- School bags and lunch boxes must be named and kept in each child's locker.
- School provide each child with a water bottle at the beginning of each school year. These are to be taken home each afternoon, washed and refilled with water only, then brought back to school the next day.
- Lost or damaged water bottles will be replaced by school and charged to the parents' ParentPay account.

- No mobile phones should be brought into school, unless they are necessary for exceptional circumstances. If this is the case, then they should be kept in the school office.
- Money should only be brought into school for a specific purpose.

### **STAFF**

Staff are expected to dress appropriately, setting a good example to the children in the school. Jeans or revealing attire is not permitted.

Appropriate sports clothing is essential for teaching. Trainer must be worn, for health and safety reasons.

The Headteacher will offer clarification for those who are unsure as to what is acceptable or unacceptable clothing during working hours and will use her discretion to advise staff on body art and body piercings.

### **GOVERNING BOARD**

The Governing Board will be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, and should consider fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome. The school will follow the DFE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

### **PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Parents / guardians will ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy and uphold the high standards of dress and appearance set by the school. They will ensure that their child / children come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas events, school visits or charity fundraising. Parents and carers who wish to raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes in accordance with the school's complaints' procedure, which can be found on the school website. [www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk)

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. Our uniform allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.