St Mary's CE Primary School

'Trust in the Lord and Flourish' (Proverbs 11:28)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Dress to impress – Our school uniform expectations

We see school uniform as an essential part of school life. It is a symbol of belonging and something that unites all children in St Mary's CE Primary School. With immediate effect, we will be having a huge push on making sure that the children are wearing the correct uniform. We will be setting the highest of standards and welcome your complete support and cooperation in this matter. In recent weeks, we have noticed the standard and monitoring of pupil's school uniform has started to slip, particularly for older children and want to ensure we set high standards for our school. School uniform should be smart and is an effective tool to support both the raising of standards and expectations, whilst also instilling a sense of pride in our school.

To help support our parents/carers, most of our school uniform can now be purchased through the school website using the following links:
https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/s-u/st-marys-primary-school-albrighton
https://sport4schoolsuk.com/schoolwear/

Winter uniform

- Grey trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafore dresses
- Red or white polo shirt
- Red school-named sweatshirts or cardigan (Plain red jumpers or cardigans may be worn as an alternative)
- In winter, children may wear black ankle boots to school if they wish.

PE uniform

- Coloured P.E T-shirts, with the school logo, to reflect the colour of their sports house
- Black shorts/black tracksuit bottoms/black leggings
- Pumps or trainers.
- Optional red hooded sweatshirt, with initials

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- Green hoodie, with initials
- A grey t-shirt
- Black shorts/black tracksuit bottoms/black leggings

Shoes

Should be black or brown. Flip-flops or open toed sandals and high-heeled shoes are inappropriate. Trainers are only appropriate for PE. In winter, children may wear black ankle boots to school

Summer uniform

- red and white check dresses.
- Grey shorts
- Red or white polo shirt

Hair, make-up and piercings

- Make up, including nail polish and false nails, should not be worn
- Please note the school discourages extreme hair styles. We also request that for children whose hair is longer than shoulder-length, they attend school with their hair tied back.

• Pupils who have pierced ears may wear a discreet stud in one or both ears. These must be removed for PE lessons for safety reasons.

• Jewellery is not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Pupils will be asked to remove any items of jewellery and these will be kept safe and sent home at the end of the day.

Children who hold different positions of responsibility including Bronze Ambassadors and Play Leaders, should have their hoodies available to change into at school **BUT SHOULD NO LONGER WEAR THEM FOR THE FULL SCHOOL DAY.** Similarly, for those children who had Arthog Hoodies, we request that they are no longer worn to school but kept for home use instead.

In the event that your child's school uniform is not in line with school policy, we will notify you, via text, to enable you to address it. If for any reason your child is unable to wear an element of school uniform, please ensure you have notified the school of this.

We hope that this document proves to be useful but appreciate that you may still have some unanswered questions. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact the school office - we are always here for advice and help. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We firmly believe having high expectations of school uniform supports us in having high expectations across a range of areas including standards of handwriting and presentation in children's books, high standards for both behaviour and children's behaviours for learning and high expectations in terms of the effort children put into their learning. These consistent high expectations will ensure our children can achieve their very best.

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Headteacher

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