

# St Saviour's C. of E. Primary School

# **School Uniform Policy**

St. Saviour's vision is of a collaborative learning community, rooted in the principles of the Church of England, striving for every child to flourish as a child of God. Jesus said: 'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that you may have life in all its fullness' (John 10:10).

He calls us to a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit. We believe the purpose of education is to nurture and enable every child to flourish and shine as a unique child of God. We want every child to have an excellent educational experience and outcomes so that they are confident learners equipped to be responsible, compassionate citizens, leading happy, healthy and productive lives.

Our Christian values of Care, Respect, Inspire, linked to the Trinity, wholeheartedly underpin our moral purpose of educating the whole child so that their light shines brightly.

### Care like Jesus \* For each other and the school

- For our local community
- For God's creation

#### Respect for God

- Aiming at the best from ourselves and for others
- Honouring our Christian values
- Respecting the difference in others

#### Inspire the Spirit

- Being open to new challenges and experiences
- Fostering creativity in everything we do
- Deepening our sense of the spirit

#### The Foundations of the Vision based Deeply Christian Serving the Common Good

**Educating for knowledge and skills, wisdom and forgiveness:** enabling discipline, confidence and delight in seeking wisdom and knowledge, and developing talents in all areas of life.

**Characting for hope and aspiration and responsibility:** enabling healing, repair and renewal, coping wisely when things go wrong, opening horizons and guiding people into ways of fulfilling them.

**Educating for koinonia, friendship and compassion:** a core focus on relationships, participation in communities and the qualities of character that enable people to flourish together.

**Educating for dignity and respect:** the basic principle of respect for the value and preciousness of each person, treating each person as a unique individual of inherent worth.

## Aims

This policy aims to:

Introduction It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is identified in appendix A.

Aims and objectives Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform: • is designed with health and safety in mind; • promotes a sense of pride in the school; • engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school; • is practical and smart; • identifies the children with the school; • prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class; • makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance; • is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents; • is conducive to good educational practice To ensure that these aims are realised, the head of school retains overall responsibility for assessing the appropriateness of individual items of clothing.

## Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Rachel Sablon Family Support Officer 02079874889, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory <u>guidance</u> from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/guardians

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, by only asking there are worn over the jumper, features the school logo
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler

- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy
- Jewellery on health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and simple analogue or digital watches smart watches are not permitted. Watches should be a sensible size, should not distract either the child or other pupils and should always be removed for PE

### **Expectations for school uniform**

### Clothing & Footwear

- Plain grey trousers, skirt, dress, or culottes.
- Plain grey or black tailored shorts
- Red and white Gingham Dresses (summer months)
- White or grey tailored knee length shorts
- White T shirt or polo shirt <u>printed</u> with the school logo\* (optional)
- Grey or Red sweatshirts, cardigans (printed with the school logo optional)
- All Black, flat-soled shoes

### <u>PE Kit</u>

- Plain white t-shirt
- All Black joggers or leggings
- All black shorts or cycling shorts

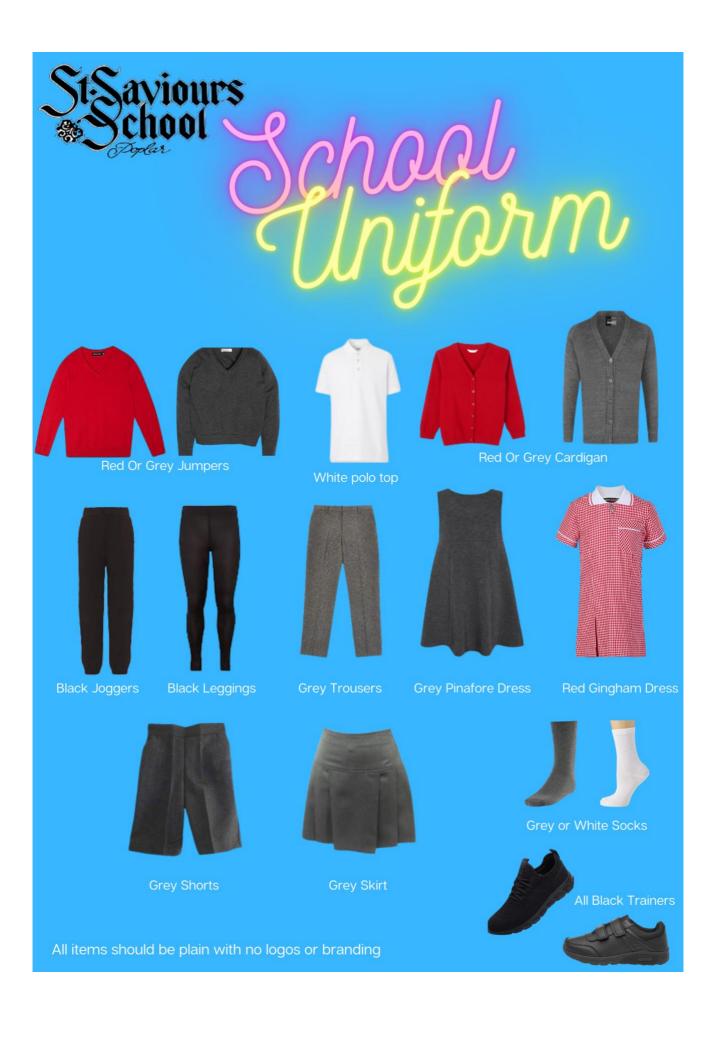
### Where to purchase school uniform

<u>These items with logo can be purchased from the following link – Logo is not compulsory at My</u> <u>Clothing.com</u>

https://myclothing.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIjPi-0frD-wIVicvtCh0ITA6pEAAYAiAAEgLna\_D\_BwE



Other high-street outlets are available for example: ASDA, TESCO SAINSBURYs should you prefer a non-logo uniform









Black Swimming Costume



Black Trunks



Black Shorts



Black Skor





Towel

Swimming Cap



Black Joggers



Black Leggings

If you would like to purchase uniform with the St Saviours Logo, please visit: https://myclothing.com/collections/stsaviours-church-of-england-primaryschool-20487 For Health & Safety reasons. No Jewellery allowed except small studs.

Goggles

No make up, false/acrylic nails, nail polish, eyelash extensions

## Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy

http://www.st-saviours.towerhamlets.sch.uk/policy/