



St Peter's

Church of England (Aided) Junior School

Learning and Living Life in all its Fullness

John 10:10 – 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'.
Inspired by John 10:10, we strive for all members of our community to learn and live
'Life in all its Fullness'.

St Peter's School Uniform Policy

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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our website and in our welcome booklet.

Department for Education policy on school uniform

It is for the governing board of a school to decide:

- rules around appearance
- whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so, what that should be
- how the uniform should be sourced

These duties are placed upon all governing boards by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body.

Schools are strongly encouraged to have a uniform as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

Aims and objectives

Supported by the Department for Education guidance, our policy is based on the belief that school uniform:

- creates a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background
- acts as a social leveller
- can reduce peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes
- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- is designed with health and safety in mind

School Uniform List

- White polo-shirt with collar (and optional St Peter's crest)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with St Peter's crest
- Grey skirt, pinafore, culottes, shorts or trousers

- Strong plain black shoes or smart black trainers
- Royal blue checked dresses may be worn in warm weather
- Children are encouraged to wear plain socks or tights that are grey, black or white.
- Children are advised to bring a waterproof jacket to school every day.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

Children wear their PE kit into school for two days a week.

- White sports top with house colour panel and St Peter's crest
- Navy shorts
- Black trainers (which may be worn everyday) and/or plimsolls
- Children may wear tracksuits during the cold winter weather. Tracksuits should be plain and navy/black in colour. Any designer logos should be small and discreet.

Every child belongs to a House Team:

- St. David - Yellow
- St. Andrew - Blue
- St. George - Red
- St. Patrick – Green

Uniform Supplier

It is for the governing board to decide how the uniform should be sourced. Schools should ensure that their uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment). Based on this research, our school uniform is available to purchase from Brenda's Schoolwear.

Brenda's Schoolwear

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Tel: 01276 469 697

Email: shop@brendas.uk

Website: <https://www.brendas.co.uk/collections/st-peters-farnborough>

Uniform Affordability

Schools need to ensure that their uniforms are affordable. If the uniform is too expensive, it can place an unreasonable burden on families.

In support of this, our school uniform features non-branded/generic items, which are widely available, including from low-cost outlets. These uniform items include white polo-shirts, grey skirts, pinafores, shorts or trousers, socks and tights.

To avoid parents having to purchase multiple expensive items such as shoes and trainers, children are allowed to wear smart black (non-branded) trainers for everyday school use.

Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable. Second-hand uniform is available from the school office, in addition to periodic second-hand uniform sales led by our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), best known as Friends of St Peter's (FOSP). There is a suggested donation of £1 per item.

For families in need of further support, Brenda's Schoolwear provides the school with £140 worth of uniform vouchers, once a school year.

We believe that no pupil should feel unable to participate fully in PE or represent their class or school because the PE kit is too expensive. Children wear their PE kit into school for two days a week, which supports best value for money.

Monitoring and Review of the Uniform Policy

The Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021 was passed by Parliament to make school uniform costs affordable for families of all backgrounds and give parents the best value for money.

As well as thinking about the cost for parents, the governing board will consider:

- how the uniform can create a shared identity and common sense of purpose
- what is required practically for classroom lessons or for sport
- obligations under the Equality Act 2010
- safeguarding and health and safety considerations
- the wishes of parents and pupils

Governing boards should ensure that the school considers these factors when reviewing the school uniform policy.

- Assess the overall cost implications
- Assess the impact variations in their uniform can have
- Avoid frequent changes
- Consider how costs affect different groups of pupils
- Engage with parents and pupils
- Avoid needing additional uniform for extra-curricular activities
- Engage with uniform suppliers

Human rights, equality and discrimination considerations

Governing boards should aim for the uniform policy to be as inclusive as possible. The school will consider the impact of the uniform policy on pupils who share a protected characteristic, including sex, religion or belief, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin) and disability. The

school is willing to allow for some individual variations to the uniform policy, where necessary to avoid indirect discrimination.

Appearance and Compliance

We believe that school uniform plays a key role in promoting the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone for education. The following guidance is provided in support of this.

Jewellery: On the grounds of health and safety, pupils should not wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears and specific religious artefacts. For health and safety reasons, pupils should remove these items during indoor and outdoor PE lessons, including swimming. Medical identification bracelets may be worn.

Hair: On the grounds of health and safety, long hair should be tied up neatly. Parents should be mindful of extreme haircuts and hairstyles, which may be of distraction.

Fashion: School uniform should be smart, practical and comfortable. Fashion styles, not in keeping with this guidance, should be avoided. This includes the appropriate length of a garment, which is suggested as knee length.

The Department for Education guidance on school uniform includes the following.

'Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy'.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with the school's published uniform policy, we will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolve the situation.

Department for Education Guidance

Our uniform policy has taken the following guidance into account:

- Non-statutory guidance - School uniforms
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>
- Statutory guidance - Cost of school uniforms
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>