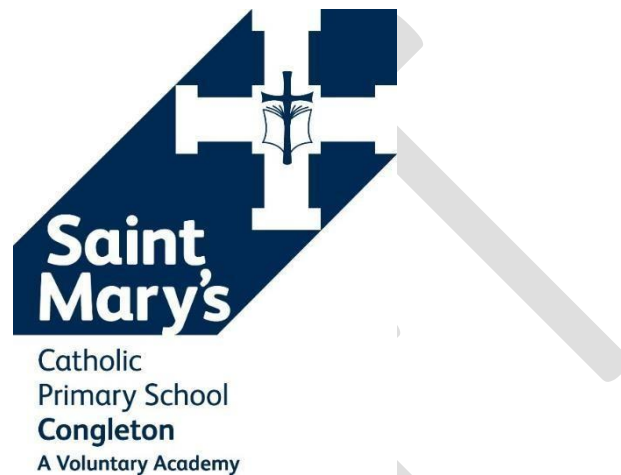


# Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School



## School Uniform Policy

Policy schedule	Date	Signed
Approved by the Governing Body:	02.09.25	Headteacher: Amy Butterfield Chair of Governors: Val Bridge
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***“Saint Mary’s Catholic Primary School is a Christ centred learning community, where all are safe, valued and loved.”***

Saint Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Congleton

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

### Aims

At Saint Mary's we are striving for excellence in all areas of school life, and as an important part of this we encourage all our pupils to take a pride in their appearance and to enjoy wearing their uniform correctly. A willingness to wear the correct uniform accompanies a positive attitude to learning and also indicates a family's commitment to the values and ethos of the school. Ultimately, we hope that this will contribute towards children feeling proud to be pupils at our successful school.

There are a number of good reasons for having a school uniform:

- It helps to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning and helps to keep children focused on their studies
- It is a sign of commitment, pride and a badge of belonging to our school community
- It is a way of avoiding an expensive 'fashion contest' in school
- It promotes equality and stops differences emerging between 'those who have and those who have not'
- It is designed to be practical and to ensure the safety of the children for the range of activities experienced in school.

The uniform, which is clearly described in this policy, is compulsory for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6. The Headteacher reserves the right to determine acceptable standards of dress and appearance with reference to the uniform policy. The aim is to help pupils learn that dressing neatly and smartly is a good preparation for both high school, where uniform is enforced rigorously, and for adult and working life. In cases where pupils arrive in school incorrectly dressed, parents will be contacted with a request to bring the correct items to school and a red dojo will be issued. Parents should provide their child with a written note if there is a good reason why he/she is temporarily not wearing the full school uniform. In creating the uniform policy, the school has borne in mind the mounting costs that parents face today. Many items, such as shirts, trousers, dresses and skirts, are available at low cost from supermarkets and major chains. Items with the Saint Mary's school logo are available from Classworx. We aim to keep the cost of these items as low as possible and believe that parents will find them to be long-lasting quality items which offer good value for money. In cases of hardship, parents or carers should contact the school for confidential advice.

It is vital that both the school and parents work in partnership to help our children grow and mature by setting clear expectations and boundaries of behaviour. We are confident that parents will be supportive of the school's efforts to ensure that our high standards of uniform and pupils' appearance are maintained.

### **SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL UNIFORM**

- **Trousers, skirt or pinafore dress** – Plain grey.
- **Shirt** – Plain, pale blue shirt with collar and top button/velcro. A polo shirt is not acceptable.
- **Tie** – Saint Mary's school tie.
- **Jumper or cardigan** – Saint Mary's jumper
- **Socks** – Plain grey, white or black socks.
- **Shoes** – Black and sturdy. Please note that fabric shoes, pumps, trainers, boots and open-toed sandals are not acceptable.

- **Coat** – warm, water-proof with a hood. (Children will play out in the rain, unless the rain is very heavy)
- **Book Bag** – Book bag bearing the Saint Mary's school logo (optional)
- **Summer term (optional)**
- **Plain grey, shorts**
- **Gingham style blue and white summer dress**

#### PE UNIFORM

- **Shorts** – Navy blue shorts (not cycling/Lycra shorts)
- **T-shirt** – Saint Mary's navy blue or plain navy blue T-shirt
- **Jogging Pants (outdoor PE – worn in cold weather)** – Plain, navy blue.
- **Sweatshirt (outdoor PE – worn in cold weather)** – Plain, navy blue (available with 'Saint Mary's' printed on the back).
- **Trainers (outdoor PE)**

PE kits will be worn on the day of PE. If a child does not come into school in their PE kit, they will not be able to participate in the PE lesson and a letter will be sent home.

#### SWIMMING UNIFORM

- **Swimming trunks** – tight-fitting, short trunks OR
- **Swimming costume**
- **Swimming cap**
- **Towel**

Please ensure that your child comes to school on swimming days with adequate outdoor wear, particularly in the winter months.

#### Additional notes

- **All uniform must be clearly labelled with the child's name.**
- **No jewellery** - a wrist watch is permissible. Earrings are not permitted.
- **Hairstyles:** Long hair should be tied back at all times.
- **Make-up, nail varnish and other body embellishments (such as fake tattoos) must not be worn.**