

Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School



Uniform Policy

Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5: v.16)

Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community

At Grimsargh St Michael's we believe our pupils feel a sense of pride when they wear our school uniform. We passionately believe that our school uniform plays a key role in promoting the ethos of our school; provides a sense of belonging and identity and sets the appropriate tone for education.

By creating a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background, a school uniform acts as a social leveller. School uniforms can reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes. If, however, the uniform is too expensive it can place an unreasonable burden on families.

Therefore, it is important that we ensure our uniforms are affordable. All our school uniform items, other than our branded school sweatshirt, are widely available from low-cost outlets. To further support families, the school sweatshirt doubles up as the PE sweatshirt.

There are, however, two further branded items that parents/ carers may decide to purchase if they so decide- this is optional. These include the light blue PE t-shirt and the navy- blue PE tracksuit bottoms, both of which include our school logo. As a school, these two branded PE items would be our preferred choice for parents/ carers to purchase as children attend school in their PE kits on their PE days and wear throughout the school day. We feel that parents/ carers are getting good value for money even if purchasing branded PE items as they will be worn for a significant amount of time.

Parents/ carers are not required to purchase additional items for interschool competitions. We have a school sports kit with sizes ranging from reception through to year 6.

Our uniform

Winter Uniform

- Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered logo (available from 'Mary Frances' in Longridge)
- Light Blue polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress (shorts can be worn)
- Grey/ white socks or tights
- Black shoes (trainers or boots must not be worn)

Summer Uniform (optional)

- Light blue and white checked summer dress
- White socks should be worn with the summer dress
- Grey shorts
- Sandals may be worn in the summer, but they must be the type that gives full support to the feet- to enable children to play safely at playtime (not strappy sandals).

PE Uniform

- Plimsolls for indoor PE (dance/ gymnastics)
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Light blue T-shirt (optional- with school logo from Mary Frances)
- Navy shorts, skorts or leggings
- *Sweatshirt- same as school uniform jumper
- Navy blue cuffed ankle tracksuit bottoms (optional- with school logo from Mary Frances)
- School zip up reversible shower proof/ fleece jacket for outdoor wear (optional- with school logo)

Second hand uniform

At least twice throughout the academic year, our PTFA sell second hand uniform, on the playground, at significantly reduced prices. In addition, the PTFA advertise across their platforms, sharing the price list for second hand uniforms. Parents/ carers can then contact the PTFA via e-mail or Facebook to purchase items before collecting from school.

Hair

Long hair should always be tied back and hair accessories should be small, discreet and in school colours. Hair styles should not be extreme, e.g. un-natural colours, shaved heads.

Jewellery

Children may wear a wrist watch. Earrings and jewellery must not be worn. If you want to have your child's ears pierced, please ensure this is done at the beginning of the school summer holiday, so that it is safe to remove the earrings when they return.

If children do attend school wearing earrings, it causes safety issues during PE lessons and extra-curricular sport. Schools are advised to follow the guidance within the document, '**Safe Practice: in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity**'. This document also contains statutory elements as well as case law. The Safe Practice guidance '*strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings*'.

School Bags

Children in reception class, year 1 and 2 should have a school book bag in which to keep their reading book and home/ school contact book.

Children in year 3-6 can bring a small junior back pack. School back packs can be purchased from the school office.

Signed: **Mr Stuart Booth**

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