

# Uniform Policy

## St Margaret's CEVA Primary School



**Approved by:** Learning & Standards

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## **Uniform Policy**

### **Rationale**

At St Margaret's CEVAP School we are very proud of our school uniform and it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging and inclusion it creates.

### **Aims**

Our policy is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is inclusive;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

We acknowledge that school uniform is an expense for parents and carers, and with that in mind we have made the decision that pupils only require school logo items for sweatshirt (KS1), jumper or cardigan (KS2) and or blazer (KS2). Girls summer dress can only be purchased from COES, Norwich Road, or on-line only from Marks & Spencer. All other items can be generic school uniform.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are watches and small objects of religious significance. If earrings are worn for religious reasons, they must be simple studded earrings, as discreet and small as possible. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with 'micro pore' in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury.

### **Haircuts**

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children eg. Completely shaved heads; shaved designs; Mohawk cuts etc. Pupil's hair should not be cut shorter than a 'grade 2' cut. Hair accessories such as hairbands, should be discreet and black, green or red in colour. Long hair should be tied up. Unnatural colours are not suitable for school and therefore not permitted.

### **Footwear**

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe footwear that is black in colour. Boots or open toed sandals should not be worn as they can present a health and safety risk.

### **PE**

Our P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and bottle green shorts. In KS1 pupils need to have plimsolls in school, and in KS2, trainers are worn for PE lessons. Sometimes KS2 pupils require tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. These must be black /navy/grey. All pupils need to ensure that their PE kit is in school.

### **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If the school has a problem with clothing that a pupil is wearing, parents will be contacted to resolve the issue. Parents are responsible for naming their child's uniform clearly, in a permanent pen/marker.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. These requests must be made in writing to the Head Teacher.

### **The role of the staff and Senior Leadership Team**

The staff will check on a daily basis that standards are being maintained and refer to the SLT if required. The SLT will conduct termly uniform checks for each class. Pupils without the correct uniform will be given spare items to wear in school.

### **The role of governors**

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy every three years. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical, whilst maintaining high standards across the school and in the local community.

### **The role of the PTA**













The PTA from time to time run a second-hand uniform sale. This will advertised in advance through the school's newsletters, website and Parentmail.



### **School Uniform**

Remember to mark any clothing with names. The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if clothing is clearly marked, will make every effort to see lost items are returned. Please reduce the 'risks' by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name.

### **Sustainability**

St Margaret's CEVA Primary School supports the reusing and recycling of good quality uniform. This can be sourced through termly PTA sales (dates on school diary). Requests can be made directly through the school office or to the Pastoral Team who will be happy to help.

Classes	Winter	Summer options
<p><b><u>EYFS and Key Stage 1</u></b></p>	<p>White short sleeved plain polo shirt available from Coes with the School logo on (at least 1 preferred for school visits and photographs)</p>  <p>Bottle green sweatshirt <b>with school badge</b> (available from Coes)</p>  <p>Smart grey shorts or long trousers or; Grey skirt only.</p>   <p>No pinafore dresses.</p> <p>Socks - Mid grey, plain (long) or white Tights – Grey only.</p> 	<p>Smart grey shorts</p>  <p>Dress - <b><u>Candy stripes</u></b> of green and white, short sleeved. Must be purchased from Coes, Marks and Spencer (online only) or second hand due to the requirement of stripes</p> 
<p><b><u>Key Stage 2</u></b></p>	<p>White shirt with a school tie or white blouse with revere collar.</p>   <p>School tie</p> 	<p>Smart grey shorts</p>  <p>Short sleeved shirts</p> 

	<p>Cardigan or V neck pullover with school badge (available from Coes).</p>  <p>Grey skirts only. No pinafore dresses.</p>  <p>Smart grey short or long trousers.</p>  <p>Socks - Mid grey, plain (long) or white</p> <p><a href="https://www.coes.co.uk/pages/st-margarets-c-of-e-primary-school">https://www.coes.co.uk/pages/st-margarets-c-of-e-primary-school</a></p>	<p>Dress - Candy stripes of green and white, short sleeved. Must be purchased from Coes, Marks and Spencer or second hand due to the requirement of stripes.</p> 
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All Classes	Overcoat	<p>Black, dark grey or navy raincoat or duffel coat - <b>plain</b></p> <p>Bottle green shower fleece with <b>red logo badge (order through school)</b></p>
	Shoes	<p><b>Black</b> shoes only.</p> 

		<p><b>No</b> boots or open toed sandals.</p> <p><b>No</b> shoes with heels or flashing lights.</p> <p><b>No</b> trainers to be worn in place of shoes.</p>
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### Physical Education – All Classes

	P.E. Bag (when needed)	Homemade, or drawstring bag to hang on peg
	P.E. Shirt	Short sleeved white 'T' Shirt
	Shorts	Green shorts
	Trainers or plimsolls	We would prefer black or white trainers to be worn
Key Stage 2	For certain outdoor activities.	Navy blue/grey/black tracksuit
	Swimming	When using Crown Pools a hat must be worn.

### **Non-Essential Items (Optional)**

Winter Hat	Bottle green woollen hat only with badge (available from school).
Sun Hat	Bottle green legionnaire type hat with badge (available from school) or plain white.
Scarf	Green fleece scarf available from Coes or the red and green striped woolen scarf.
Hair Ties Hair Bands	Plain and simple – red or green. Plain dark colour.
Blazer	Dark 'bottle' green, green buttons, single breasted with badge, polyester.

If your child represents the school in a sport, then they will be required to wear the school teamwear (provided) and wear smart trainers, shorts/skirt.

**This policy has been written with pupil voice and in the interests of equality of choice.**