

# St Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School

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## School Uniform Policy

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*Fulfilling God-given potential*

*Distinctive Christian values-  
Honesty, Kindness, Respect, Responsibility*

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## Principles

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing 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 children's school uniform in this policy and in our school prospectus.

## Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our colours are green, grey and white and the uniform is as follows:

### Winter Uniform (Can be worn all year)

- School green sweatshirt or school green sweat cardigan with school logo
- White shirt/blouse, short or long sleeve with tie collar
- Gold tie (EYFS and KS1), House colour tie (KS2)
- Grey or Black trousers or grey skirt/pinafore dress
- School green book bag with school logo (supplied free of charge to new pupils)
- White or grey socks, grey or black tights
- Children should wear flat plain black school shoes (no boots, no trainers unless for PE and for safety, no open toe sandals)
- Head coverings for religious reasons should be plain white/bottle green or black

For outside wear

- School green fleece and/or reversible fleece jacket with school logo
- Plain warm coat preferably with hood and zip fastening

### Summer Uniform (Terms 1, 5 & 6)

- Grey skirt or grey shorts
- School bottle green polo shirt with school logo (no ties worn with green school polo shirt)
- Green gingham dresses
- White or grey socks
- Children should wear flat plain black school shoes (no boots, no trainers unless for PE and for safety, no open toe sandals)

For outside wear

- School green fleece and/or reversible fleece jacket with school logo
- light rain jacket preferably with hood and zip fastening

## **For PE all children need**

- House colour t-shirt with school logo
- School green PE shorts or black skort
- Trainers
- School green sweatshirt or school green sweat cardigan with school logo
- Dark green or black jogging bottoms (no logos)

## **Specific Activities**

When children are involved with specific activities, such as swimming, forest school or school trips, a letter will be sent home to detail the uniform/clothes needed for the activity according to guidelines or requirements from Kent, the venue or the school.

Children will wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE, reducing the need to store PE kits in school and to minimise the time taken to change. If a child does not come to school in the right uniform for the day, their parents will be informed.

## **Optional items**

- School green cap with school logo
- School green knitted hat with school logo

## **Bags**

Children need a small bag to hold the items they need to bring to school. Large, brightly coloured backpacks or fashion bags are not suitable.

- St Matthew's book bag
- Dark green St Matthew's backpack or St Matthew's drawstring green PE bag

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name

Our School uniform can be bought from the following website:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMatthewsHighBroomsTN49DY>

## **Hair**

- Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school
- Hair must be tied up in PE.
- Large "doughnuts" and brightly hair accessories are inappropriate for school as they are fashion items. Plain/gingham green hair bands and plain clips should be used.
- Non regulation hairstyles are not part of school uniform and should not be worn. These include:
  - Patterns cut into the hair
  - Hair that is long in parts and very short elsewhere
  - Hair that has been spiked up
  - Hair dyed, either wholly or partly, in a non-natural hair colour

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain, simple earring studs in pierced ears and watches. We ask parents wishing children to have pierced ears, to get piercing right at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term. Where this is not possible we ask the children to either remove earrings during PE and games or cover them with tape/plaster to prevent them from causing injury.

## **Make up and Cosmetics**

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Head has given permission.

## **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 school work. 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 any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy they should make representation in the first instance to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. 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.

The school recognises that some children find it difficult to wear certain items of school uniform eg those with sensory needs, medical conditions. In this case, a request by the parent for their child to adapt the uniform will be considered on an individual basis by the Headteacher.

## **The Role of Governors**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. 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.

## **Monitoring and Review**

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.