



Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School Uniform Policy

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School Uniform Policy

Jesus Christ said 'Let the children come to me, do not hinder them' (Matthew 19:14). As a Catholic school it is our mission to educate pupils in such a way that no matter what their abilities or background they may reach their full potential as human beings. We thus seek to overcome any hindrance that might prevent any pupil accessing the fullness of the curriculum, opportunities and activities we offer.

We are proud of our school and our patron saint who stands as a great model of faith. The crest with the immortal words of Thomas More: 'Regis servus Dei prius' **'the King's good servant but God's servant first'** appears on many items of uniform and acts as a reminder of the legacy of our faith.

All children are expected to wear the approved uniform of Saint Thomas More Catholic School which gives children an identity and a sense of belonging to our school and parish community when wearing either day uniform or a PE kit. The expectations extend to hair style and accessories, including jewellery.

The uniform supplier for jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and red ties is 'Andy Blair Uniform Supplies', Coundon or Cat Balou in The Burgess, Coventry City Centre. Uniform can also be purchased from the school using the electronic ordering and payment system.

<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>	
<u>Summer Easter to October half-term</u>	<u>Winter Oct. half-term to Easter</u>	<u>Summer Easter to October half-term</u>	<u>Winter October half-term to Easter</u>
Blue/white-check gingham dress or Pale blue school polo shirt with crest or generic pale blue polo shirt and grey skirt/pinafore/trousers. Royal blue cardigan or royal blue V neck jumper with school crest. Black flat shoes/ dark (blue/brown/black) closed- toe sandals White/grey socks	White shirt with suitable collar to take a tie. Red tie either elasticated or full size Royal blue cardigan or royal blue V neck jumper with school crest Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers Grey or White socks, grey tights; black, flat shoes	Pale blue school polo shirt with crest or generic pale blue polo shirt Grey shorts or trousers Black shoes/ (blue/brown/black) closed-toe sandals (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo) Grey socks	White shirt and red tie Royal blue V neck jumper with school logo Grey socks, grey school trousers (long or short) Black shoes (not trainers)
		All children may wear their white shirt and red tie all year round if parents so choose.	

All items of clothing must be clearly named to enable lost items to be returned to the correct owner.

Year 6 children form the School Council and some children are elected officers. As a mark of office these children wear a red and gold striped tie. This is provided by the school.

Shorts (white/black cycle shorts) allowed under skirt/dress in the summer, for modesty.

We expect children to appear tidy and wear their uniform smartly, having shirts tucked in and shoes polished.

Affordable Uniform

The cost of uniform is regularly reviewed so that unnecessarily expensive items do not form part of the expected uniform.

Many of the items that form part of our uniform can be purchased affordably from retailers such as supermarkets. Any parent who is struggling with the cost of uniform is encouraged to contact the school.

Pre-loved uniform

Parents can donate good quality items of pre-loved (used) uniform to be sold second hand. Any items of lost property that cannot be returned to their owner and have not been claimed after the period of one term will also be placed within the used uniform stock.

The PTFA organise a half-termly sale of pre-loved uniform. This sale is advertised in the school newsletter and on the school website.

Book bags Royal blue A4 bags are available with the STM crest. Children from Reception to Y3 may wish are strongly requested to use these bags which help to manage books and homework between school and home. The bags are an affordable alternative to branded bags and fit easily on pegs and in children's drawers. They are available from the school office.

Hair and make-up

Long hair should be tied back. No fashion colours for hair (unless agreed for fun or charity events) or fashionable hair styles eg 'tramlines'. Hair should be kept in place with plain, small bands – not big hair accessories.

Nail varnish and acrylic/gel nails are not permitted. Nail varnish will be removed if children come to school wearing it. If a child comes to school with acrylic nails they may be unable to take part in a range of social and academic activities for the safety of themselves and their peers and parents will be telephoned and asked to have the acrylics removed without delay. No make-up should be worn.

PE uniform

Our school aim is for each child from Y1-Y6 to access two hours of quality PE tuition each week. Children from YR-Y6 are required to wear the specified uniform for reasons of health and safety as well as school identity.

The PE uniform consists of:

- Blue T shirt with school logo or pale blue plain t-shirt and black shorts
- Black plimsolls (indoor). At times children will use bare feet to perform.

During the winter months, children from Year 1 upwards are encouraged to wear the following for outdoor PE lessons:

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- A track suit or joggers/sweatshirt in either black, dark grey or navy. (no slogans).
- A **plain** navy or black hoodie
- Sturdy trainers

Children wear their PE uniform to school and throughout the day on the days their class has PE.

Swimming kit for children attending school swimming lessons

- **Girls:** Swimsuit (no bikinis); hair tied back or swimming hat
- **Boys:** Trunks (no Bermuda shorts)

Goggles may be used with permission.

Jewellery

A small watch may be worn.

Bangles, bracelets and chains should not be worn in school time.

One plain stud in each lobe is allowed. (silver or white/yellow gold). Pearls and jewels are not permitted.

All jewellery, including earrings and watches, MUST be removed before the start of any PE, extra curricular sports club or swimming lesson.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery during PE.

It is the child's responsibility to remove their own earrings and to look after them.

Staff will not remove earrings, look after them or put them back into the child's ear.

Please ensure you remove your child's earrings on PE day if they are unable to remove their own.

Action to be taken if a child presents without PE uniform.

1. **First offence:** letter sent home with response section for parents
2. **Second offence:** teacher to phone the parent
3. **Third offence:** Senior Leader to meet with parent and child

It is a national curriculum statutory requirement and our school expectation that all children receive their entitlement and take part in all PE lessons.

When children are not taking part in the physical exercise because they are without kit or they are wearing earrings, or due to illness/injury, genuine reasons they still have an entitlement to be taught. The following age appropriate guidelines should be carried out:

- Child should write/draw/record the learning intention of the lesson and the teaching points
 - Child should watch/record demonstrations
 - Child should note who performs activities well and how improvements can be made
 - Child should be prepared to share their observations at any point of the lesson
 - Teacher might also want them to write this up formally as an instruction text or recount.
- Clip boards, pencil and paper should be available.

Excused from lesson

Children who are unable to do PE may be excused from a lesson only when a parent has given their consent.

Nursery

Children in the school jumper and a shirt, with a elasticated trousers. Children in access lessons qualified PE expect the on jewellery, hair to apply. children only (and not as suitable PE.



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