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Dear Parents,

School Uniform

We are pleased to tell you that we will be updating our school uniform. Our school uniform plays an important part in communicating our school ethos and expectations. Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride. Wearing the school uniform correctly demonstrates a pupil's respect for their school and for others, and contributes towards good school discipline. It teaches students to take pride in their appearance. Our policy at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School, is that pupils are expected to wear school uniform at all times. Our children have helped select our new uniform. It is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents and carers. The updated design offers improved comfort, functionality and durability.

Why the change to our uniform?

As you are aware, we have been researching and collating feedback on our current uniform. The current uniform contains inconsistencies in some of the clothing items that are worn, for example, trousers can be grey or black, but skirts are brown. We are also aware that, recently, brown items of uniform have been increasingly more difficult to find in supermarkets and high street stores, therefore adding pressure for parents around increasing costs and availability. The children have voiced a preference for more active wear, for comfort, movement and practicality. The new structure also means that we are able to simplify our uniform requirements and so parents can buy fewer separate items. St Francis of Assisi Secondary College have also recently moved away from brown uniform for the same reasons.

How much will it cost?

We have considered and ensured that we adhere to the DfE document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

This guidance states that schools should limit their compulsory branded items (items with the school logo) to 3 or fewer.

We have 2 compulsory branded items. These are:

- Navy sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with logo
- Navy PE t-shirt with logo

The rationale for two mandatory items with the school badge is to support our corporate sense of identity. The items with the school badge will help our students feel part of the school community, right from nursery and encourage a sense of belonging, recognition and pride in representing our school. Our school badge reflects our school history, achievements and values, helping pupils connect with these traditions.

This is a significant change for St Mary of the Angels and has been strategically considered and planned for. Importantly, the long-term costs to parents will also be reduced as we are asking for less items of uniform overall and have ensured that the majority of the items are available widely, including within supermarket chains. However, we are conscious that we do not want to place any unnecessary burdens on parents; therefore, we have a staggered transition plan, as follows so that children have plenty of time to grow out of current clothing.

- Children are able to wear either the new or the current uniform for all of autumn term 2026.
- From January, we would like all children to be in the new uniform for the standard day; however, they can wear either the new navy or the current red PE kit until Easter. (The year six class for 2026-27 can wear either uniform for their final year.) Our current uniform list is also attached to this file for your convenience.

Please have a look at the next pages, to see the new uniform expectations.

Our school council, as representatives of the student body, support the new design and the governors and staff are very pleased with the new look. We are sure that you will be too. Crucially, the costs to parents in the long-term will be reduced.

Thank you as ever for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Hill
Headteacher

School Uniform

The policy at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School, is that pupils are expected to wear school uniform at all time. This is based on the belief that school uniform, among other things, provides a corporate sense of identity, community, pride and belonging. Our children have helped select our uniform. It is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents and carers.

Please see the clothing items that the children need below.

As a general rule, children will wear the standard uniform for three days per week and the PE kit for two days per week.

NURSERY

Nursery Uniform

A navy school sweatshirt with the **school logo** or navy sweat cardigan with the **school logo**

Sweatshirt with logo: approx. £13

Sweat cardigan with log: approx. £15



Available from:

<https://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/>

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/>

We will also have sew and iron on badges available to buy in school.

Nursery PE Kit

The navy sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with **school logo** – see standard uniform



A plain light blue school polo shirt

Available from many high streets and supermarkets



Black joggers, trousers, skirt (for ease of toileting, they need to be able to pull them up and down)

Available from many high streets and supermarkets



A navy t-shirt with the **school logo**

Available from:

<https://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/>

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/>

T-shirt with logo: approx. £7



Plain black joggers, shorts or skirt

Available from many high streets and supermarkets



Sensible black shoes with a velcro fastening

Available from many high streets and supermarkets

A pair of trainers

Available from many high streets and supermarkets

Reception up to Year Six

A navy school sweatshirt with the **school logo** or navy sweat cardigan with the **school logo**

Sweatshirt with logo: approx. £13
Sweat cardigan with log: approx. £15

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A plain light blue school polo shirt



Options: Grey school shorts or grey school trousers, grey school skirt, grey pinafore or light blue and white gingham dress



Available from many high streets and supermarkets (variations in shades and designs are acceptable)

Black shoes

(no trainers, boots or heels)

Please help children to learn how to tie their laces if their shoes have them.

Plain grey, white or black socks

Plain black or grey tights

Available from many high streets and supermarkets

Reception up to Year Six PE Kit

The navy sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with the **school logo** from the standard uniform list is also used for PE



A navy t-shirt with the **school logo**



Available from:

<https://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/>

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/>

T-shirt with logo: approx. £7

Plain black joggers, shorts (not cycle shorts), skirt or skort, plain black leggings



Available from many high streets and supermarkets

A pair of trainers

Plain grey, white or black socks

Available from many high streets and supermarkets

Hairstyles, jewellery and accessories

Children are expected to be well presented. For hygiene reasons, long hair must be tied back. Artificially coloured hair, beads and decorations, gelled styles, tram lines and statement headbands are inappropriate. Nail polish and make-up are not permitted.

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery other than:

- Plain studs in their ears. (However, earrings cannot be worn for PE. Plasters can be used during the first six weeks.)
- A watch (with no camera or recording devices)

Please note that valuable items should not be brought into school as they could get lost or damaged.

Lost Property

Whilst we have a lost property box on the playground, we strongly advise that your child's name is in every article of clothing. This can avoid mix ups and prevent children from becoming upset.

Upcycled Uniform

We have organised an upcycled uniform shop in school. This will be available at key school events, e.g. parents' evening. However, you are more than welcome to come and utilise it at other times; please give the office a call and they will be happy to assist.

We would be grateful if parents could consider donating to us items of uniform that children your child has grown out of. This will help us to support other families.

Pupils who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE kit will be loaned an appropriate item of clothing. Staff will contact parents to make sympathetic enquiries if it happens frequently and refer to our associated policies, for example, behaviour and home-school agreement.

Current Uniform – this is being phased out

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Nursery Uniform

Children in Nursery need:

- A red school sweatshirt with the school logo
- A plain white school polo shirt
- Black Joggers/trousers/leggings/skirt (to ease toileting-they need to be able to pull them up and down)
- They need sensible school shoes with a Velcro fastening- no trainers or fashion shoes.
- P.E kit (see below) will be needed for all Nursery children also on their allocated day.

Winter

- Long grey/black straight leg school trousers (short ones may be worn Easter to October half term)
- Plain brown pinafore or skirt
- Long sleeved white shirt/blouse
- Brown V-neck jumper/cardigan
- Brown and gold stripe tie
- Grey/white socks or black/brown tights
- Coat or anorak
- Black or brown shoes (no trainers or boots): maximum heel height 1"
- White, brown or yellow hair ribbons

Summer (Easter until October half term)

- White or yellow polo shirt
- Brown V-neck jumper/cardigan
- Short grey trousers (optional)
- Yellow and white gingham/checked dress
- Grey/white socks
- Black or brown shoes (no trainers or boots): no open toed sandals
- White, brown or yellow hair ribbons

PE Kit

- Plain red t-shirt (with school emblem - optional)
- Plain red sweatshirt (with school emblem- optional)
- Plain black shorts (not cycling shorts) or a plain black P.E skirt
- Plain black jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- Trainers / black pumps
- Football boots/shin pads (if participating in extra-curricular football)

Jewellery and accessories

1. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery, with the exception of plain gold, silver or brown/yellow studs in their ears, not any where else.
2. Earrings cannot be worn during P.E sessions. Plasters will only be tolerated in the initial six weeks of piercing. These need to be provided by parents. ***After that time, all children must remove earrings , either at home or themselves, at school, for Health and Safety reasons.***
3. A watch can be worn, at parents own risk in the event of it being lost or stolen, providing it does not become a distraction to others (no watches with cameras or recording devices are allowed).
4. Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish or make up, unless they are given specific permission from the Head teacher.

It is of great assistance if your child's name is in every article of clothing. This can avoid mix-ups and prevent children from becoming unnecessarily upset.

It is expected that the children will wear uniform at all times. If this causes a problem, please consult with the Headteacher.

We have organised an Upcycled Uniform Shop in school. This will be available during key events, e.g. workshops and parents' evenings. If you would like to access it at another time, please give our school office a call and they will be happy to assist.