

## All Saints C of E Infant and Nursery School

# School Uniform Policy

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*'Opening hearts and minds through the grace and love of God'* 

#### ALL SAINTS CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

#### Opening hearts and minds through the grace and love of God

All Saints Infant and Nursery School children always come first and we try to nourish, challenge, prepare and inspire them within a Christian ethos.

We believe in valuing all who contribute towards the successful running of our school including children, parents, carers, governors, teaching and non-teaching staff.

This Mission Statement lies at the heart of our schools' aims. It is the philosophical basis for all of the schools' policies and through these, for everything that happens in and round our schools. Our aspiration is for everyone at All Saints to:

- feel happy, secure, safe and valued at school
- develop a growing awareness of their own inner self and spirituality, and of the power of the Christian faith to transform lives
- develop healthy relationships based on care, trust, compassion and forgiveness
- show acceptance for and understanding of others who may have different beliefs or needs
- strive for the highest standards of achievement, developing the confidence and skills to be independent, motivated and self-disciplined learners
- have a positive approach to life, contributing to the well-being of the community and building hope for the future

We hope that children will leave our school with open hearts and minds, ready to respond to the opportunities that lie before them and to experience the joy of life in all its fullness.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

At All Saints C of E Infant and Nursery school, we believe that uniforms help to reduce stigma and encourage a sense of belonging and community.

It is the expectation of the school for all students to wear the school uniform. However, we do understand that this has financial implications and are also mindful of the impact of the recent cost of living crisis on our families. It is for this reason that we have carefully chosen items that are widely available from supermarkets and other shops. With this in mind, we also actively encourage parents and carers to clearly label all clothing so they can be easily identifiable and returned to their owners, therefore avoiding extra financial outlay.

The uniform for all students should be selected from the following:

- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey or black skirt or pinafore
- Red jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan
- Red and white summer dress
- Black/grey tights
- Black/grey/white socks
- Black shoes

Polo shirts and sweaters with the school logo are also available at <u>Just Schoolwear</u>.

#### Jewellery

Ordinarily, jewellery is not appropriate for school. Watches and small stud earrings are permitted, although must be removed for P.E. lessons. Consequently, if considering having your child's ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holiday, so that they are able to remove them by the start of term. Please note that staff are not permitted to remove studs and earrings so if your child cannot remove them themselves, they will need to wear earring tape to cover up the earrings.

#### P.E. Kit

The P.E. kit for all students consists of:

- Black shorts
- Black leggings
- Plain red or white t-shirt
- Trainers (or plimsolls)

#### Implementation

All staff share the responsibility for instilling high expectations regarding uniform.

The expectation is that uniform will be worn smartly and with pride. We understand that our students are in their first stage of the education system, but we try and encourage our students to wear shirts/polo shirts tucked in when around the school, and sweaters and cardigans worn appropriately (i.e. not around waists). This standard will be expected when they move into primary school, so we believe it is important to set this example at the very beginning. We may, therefore, remind your child of this in an encouraging manner which we believe will also foster confidence and overall pride in their appearance.

Where students arrive in school not in keeping with the uniform policy, they will be reminded of the school rules and asked to ensure that it is rectified by the following school day. If necessary, the following day, parents and carers will be contacted to remind them of the policy and ask for their support in ensuring that the correct uniform is worn. We take great care to ensure that children are not punished or made to feel uncomfortable because of matters outside their control, including family finances.

In the case of missing PE kit, where children are unable safely to take part in activities, they will instead be directed to observe and support the PE lesson, so they are still involved in the activity. A member of staff may also check in with parents to see if there are any barriers to providing the P.E kit. Please do talk to us if there are any concerns and issues you may have in providing our uniform, and we will do anything we can to help.