

School Policy



St Mark's
School Bath

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St Mark's School Uniform Policy 2017-18

St Mark's School have undergone exciting changes, creating a new vision and developing a new brand identity. With the new brand comes a change to the school uniform which plays an important role in our school's identity and external appearance.

Following an extensive consultation with Governors, parents and carers, students and staff in 2015, the School Uniform Policy has been updated to reflect the changes to the school uniform from September 2016.

The consultation process considered:

- The timeframe for the introduction of a new policy;
- The views of parents and carers and students on changes to the policy;
- The cost, the available supply sources and year round availability of the proposed uniform to ensure it is providing best value for money for parents;
- The PE uniform is practical, comfortable and appropriate to the activity involved, and that consideration is given to the cost of compulsory PE clothing;
- The introduction of the proposed uniform policy and how it might affect each group represented in the school and any existing suppliers;
- Human Rights, Equality and Discrimination.

"School uniform supports effective teaching and learning and engenders a positive, calm and respectful teaching and learning environment." (Department for Education).

Further information on DfE Guidance on School Uniforms can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/269113/school_uniform_guidance_2013.pdf

Further information on the Uniform Consultation for St Mark's School can be found at <http://www.st-marks.org.uk/uniform-consultation/>

Implementation Timeline

All students have until **September 2017** to transfer to the full new school uniform, **from which point we expect all students to be wearing it correctly and appropriately, both in and outside of the school.**

We would like to ensure that uniforms are not mixed during the transition phase but do understand that children may grow out of items, such as trousers or skirts, before a blazer. We would encourage parents to plan and budget for this eventuality however, we accept that some flexibility may be required until September 2017 and would encourage parents to discuss any issues surrounding this with us.

St Mark's School, Bath, requires students to wear uniform at all times. The uniform promotes a distinctive and appropriate appearance inside and outside St Mark's. The uniform requirements are intended to be clear and unambiguous.

We have high expectations of our students; they are our greatest ambassadors, so it is extremely important that the image they reflect both in and outside of the school is a positive one. They will be representing the positive changes to our school and thus should wear their uniform correctly and appropriately at all times.

It is important that the identity of all students and staff at the school can be determined at all times. Hooded sweatshirts and baseball caps are therefore not to be worn in school. Other hats must be taken off and coat/jacket hoods must be taken down when inside the school buildings.

The uniform is **COMPULSORY** for all students in Years 7 -11 and must be worn in full to and from home, and at all times during the school day in the correct and appropriate manner.

Students are **NOT** permitted to wear items of Physical Education kit underneath/with their uniform at any time.

Students who arrive at school in non-uniform and/or unsuitable footwear, must anticipate being isolated or, in some cases, being sent home to change. In making a decision about what constitutes acceptable uniform and appearance, the decision of the Senior Leadership Team is final, binding and without question.

Extreme Weather Regulations

SUMMER: During periods of excessively warm weather/temperatures the school may temporarily suspend the necessity to wear a blazer for school or allow students to wear their PE kit.

WINTER: During periods of excessively cold weather/temperatures students may wear a plain white t-shirt or vest underneath their regular shirt/blouse. In the eventuality of snowy/icy conditions students may wear suitable/appropriate shoes/boots to school.

Students will be informed of these temporary changes to the regulations along with the applicable dates via the schools regular communication channels. Parents will be informed via the school website and Teachers to Parents text service.

All standard items of the school uniform must be purchased directly from our suppliers 'Scholars of Bath' at 4 Terrace Walk, Bath BA1 1LN Tel: 01225 462206; or use the website: www.scholars-uk.com

Additional non-standard items of uniform (shirt/blouse, skirt, trousers, socks and shoes) can be purchased at Scholars, or alternatively, through other appropriate suppliers as outlined in this policy.

We strongly advise parents to buy or place orders for new uniform as early as possible to ensure you can get everything your child will need; this is especially important when planning for the start of the new academic years.

Girls

Grey blazer with St Mark's logo - available from Scholars

White open neck blouse with reverse-collar - available from Scholars or

*Marks and Spencers ([2 Pack Girls' Easy to Iron Cap Sleeve Reverse Collar Blouses T765931](#)) or

*F&F at Tesco ([F&F School 2 Pack of Girls Easy Care Short Sleeve Shirts](#))

Grey jumper with St Mark's logo - available from Scholars

Black, knee length, pencil/pleated skirt OR black, regular leg trousers - available from Scholars or

*Marks and Spencers ([Senior Girls' Crease Resistant Pencil Skirt T760179](#)) or

*Marks and Spencers ([Girls' Traditional Pleated Skirt T760117](#)) or

*Marks and Spencers ([Girls' Slim Leg Trousers T761243L](#)) or

*Marks and Spencers ([Girls' Crease Resistant Adjustable Waist Regular Leg Trousers T761285](#)) or

*George at Asda ([Senior Girls' School Pencil Skirt – Black](#)) or

*George at Asda ([Girls' School Pleated Skirt – Black](#)) or

*George at Asda ([Girls' School Basic Trousers – Black](#))

Black knee-length socks, black or white ankle socks or black/flesh coloured tights

Black shoes suitable for school – see 'Additional Advice'

*Alternative styles for non-logo items are available from other retailers. It should be noted however, that only the above are approved styles. Where alternatives are purchased, parents and carers should ensure that they do not differ in colour, length material and style from those stated above. To ensure that the uniform meets with these standards, it is strongly advised that parents and carers only purchase from one of the named suppliers above.

UNACCEPTABLE:

HOODIES are not part of our uniform code. They are **NOT** to be worn, to and from, or at the school at any time. Students who arrive at school in these garments must anticipate having them removed for the duration of the day. Please do not send your child to school dressed in any garment which resembles a HOODIE of any description.

Additional items that are deemed **unacceptable** are:

- Button collared blouses (suitable for a tie)
- Long sleeved t-shirts worn under a blouse
- Cardigans, sweatshirts or other types of jumper
- Short, frilled, bubble, jersey, tight-fitting or other fashion skirts e.g. 'skater skirts'
- Jeans, cords, combat trousers, leggings, shorts, culottes, three quarter length trousers, tracksuit bottoms or other fashion trousers
- Tracksuit bottoms or second pair of trousers to be worn underneath
- Patterned, striped or 'footless' socks or leggings
- Trainers, boot, daps, canvas or open-toed footwear – see '**Additional Advice**'

Uniform for Girls



Boys

Grey blazer with St Mark's logo - available from Scholars

White shirt - available from Scholars or

*Marks and Spencers ([2 Pack Boys' Ultimate Non-Iron Long Sleeve Shirts T765737](#)) or

*George at Asda ([Boys School 2 Pack Long Sleeve Shirts - White](#))

Short-sleeved options are also permissible and available from

*Marks and Spencers ([2 Pack Boys' Ultimate Non-Iron Short Sleeve Shirts T765817](#)) or

*George at Asda ([Boys School 2 Pack Short Sleeve Shirts - White](#))

School tie (clip-on) - available from Scholars

Grey jumper with St Mark's logo - available from Scholars

Black trousers - available from Scholars or

*Marks and Spencers ([Boys' Regular Leg Trousers T764623](#)) or

*George at Asda ([Boys School Regular Fit Trousers - Black](#))

Black socks

Black shoes suitable for school – see 'Additional Advice'

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Additional items that are deemed **unacceptable** are:

- Long sleeved t-shirts are to be worn under a short sleeved shirt
- Cardigans, sweatshirts or other types of jumper
- Jeans, cords, combat trousers, leggings, shorts, culottes, three quarter length trousers, tracksuit bottoms or other fashion trousers
- Tracksuit bottoms or second pair of trousers to be worn underneath
- Patterned or striped socks
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Please note that students **must** be able to wear shirts with the top button done up.

Uniform for Boys



Appearance and Presentation

A student's presentation is not restrictive to the uniform alone. The following has been deemed as acceptable standards for a student's appearance and presentation:

Make-up

Discreet use of makeup that is not highly visible is allowed. False nails and nail polish are not permitted.

Hair

Hair is to be of one natural colour and not extreme in style or length (e.g. very short – no shorter than number 2 cut all over). Long hair must be tied back in practical lessons. Students who colour the ends of their hair with un-natural colours, or have coloured streaks in it, must anticipate being sent home to wash it out or dye it an appropriate colour. They will then be expected to return to school. No kind of pattern, line or design that is cut, shaved or dyed in the hair or eyebrows is permitted. This includes a 'Mohican' style.

Boys should be clean shaved for school.

Jewellery

The following items of jewellery are permitted and can be brought into school at the student's own risk:

- 1 watch
- 1 signet ring or similar
- A cross and chain worn underneath the uniform

One pair of stud earrings may be worn in the lobes (the lower part) of each ear.

Other than a cross and chain, necklaces and bracelets should not be worn.

For health and safety reasons no other jewellery worn in body piercings is permitted e.g. in the nose, tongue, eyebrow, lip, other part of the ear or elsewhere, even when worn under clothing.

Tattoos, including henna tattoos, are not permitted.

Outdoor Clothing

A plain waterproof coat is recommended for all students.

No outdoor coats with large logos or leather/denim jackets are acceptable.

Students who cycle or walk to school are strongly encouraged to wear high visibility jackets/bands, especially during the shorter days and darker nights.

PE Kit

Burgundy and black short-sleeved sports top with logo (available from Scholars)

Burgundy and black shorts or skort (available from Scholars)

Burgundy and black sports jumper (available from Scholars)

Burgundy and black sports socks (available from Scholars)

Plain black track trousers or yoga pants (optional). Items should not have logos, stripes or coloured stitching.

Additional Advice - Shoes

Shoes must be black and suitable for school wear. Clear and definitive guidance and images of acceptable and unacceptable footwear for school are detailed below and on the school's website. We strongly recommend that parents/carers make themselves familiar with acceptable and unacceptable styles of footwear at St Mark's School before making any purchase in order to avoid unnecessary expense and inconvenience caused by procuring inappropriate shoes.

TRAINERS AND VANS, INCLUDING LEATHER VANS, ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE as footwear at St Mark's School.

Trainers, trainer style, Vans, any board style, deck style, canvas pumps, shoes with a white or coloured band round the sole and plimsolls are **NOT TO BE WORN** at school or to and from school at any time.

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