



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

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UNIFORM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have unfortunately noticed a decline in uniform standards this year. I am writing to you now, ahead of purchasing any new items for the new academic year, to allow you to ensure your child is dressed appropriately from September. Our uniform should be something in which we take pride and we will be upholding high expectations next year. Attention to detail matters; it shows that we care about the high standards we **aspire** to at St Mark's.

Our uniform can be purchased at CJI Clothing and we have sought to keep costs down by limiting the amount of compulsory items which carry the school logo to three items.

Compulsory school-branded Items are:

- Yellow polo shirt with St Mark's logo
- School grey V-neck jumper (with yellow piping) **or** cardigan (with yellow piping) with St. Mark's logo
- Emerald green short-sleeved polo shirt with St. Mark's logo

Other optional school-branded items are available:

- Grey blazer with St. Mark's logo
- P.E. sun hat
- Black tracksuit
- Book bag/back pack/draw-string bag

You are, of course, welcome to find alternative suppliers for items which do not carry the school logo. However, any items purchased should be of very similar style and design.

Our uniform policy can be found [here](#) but I would like to expand on a few points where we are noticing particular issues:

School uniform – expected standards

Black trousers or shorts (no three-quarter length shorts) or **black knee-length skirt** or **black pinafore** or **yellow/white checked summer dress**



- **Black socks** (ankle/knee high) or **black tights**
(White socks (ankle/knee high) should *only* be worn with yellow/white checked summer dress)
- **Black formal leather or leather-look shoes.** Heel limit of 1 inch. No open-toed/open-back sandals, jelly shoes, boots and casual shoes should be worn

P.E. kit – expected standards

- Emerald green short-sleeved polo shirt with St. Mark's logo
- Plain black shorts / skort (**loose fit**). Gym/cycling shorts and leggings are not acceptable
- Short black socks
- Plain black tracksuit, preferably with St. Mark's logo, for winter
- Trainers only to be worn on P.E. days, but should be in school for break/lunchtime football.
- Earrings must be removed; hair tied back and off the face

A few helpful examples are below:



Earrings & hair

Please be mindful of ensuring **any new ear piercings take place at the beginning of the Summer holiday to allow enough healing time for your child's return to school in September**. Children should have one simple stud earring in each ear, which must be removed for all P.E. and games lessons, including swimming. If your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves, please remove them before school on P.E. days.

All hair at or below shoulder length must be tied back at all times in school, but especially during P.E. and games lessons. School hair ties should be in appropriate colours and styles suitable to blend with school uniform (yellow/white bands). Hair should be off the face, clipped back and not obscuring sight. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, which are designed to attract attention, including dyed or streaked hair, and styles such as spikes and images or lines cut into the hair.

I hope this is useful as a reference when purchasing uniform. If you have any questions please speak to the Office Team or your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your support.

Andrew Bright
Headteacher