

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the final term of the academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of some of our uniform expectations. There have been a few cases where uniform expectations are not being met. The school uniform policy can be found on the website and all parents agreed to adhere to school policies when your child became a member of Sandford St Martin's Primary School.

If any family/parent/carer is struggling to provide the appropriate and agreed uniform due to financial hardship then the school will seek to handle this sensitively and support the child in having the correct items as best we can.

**Our School Uniform Policy outlines that the Sandford uniform consists of:**

- Black shirt/pinafore dress/trousers or shorts.
- White Polo T-shirt (Reception, KS1 and Yr3); White 'collared' Shirt (Yrs. 4, 5 and 6)
- School ties (Yrs. 4, 5 and 6)
- School logo jumper or cardigan
- Yellow Gingham dress for summer / warmer weather.
- Black shoes (see below) **NOT TRAINERS**

**Shoes**

The school policy on school shoes is traditional black and low-heeled school shoes which can have laces, velcro, buckles or slip-on shoes. Trainers, **even if black**, hi-tops, heels, wedges boots, and logos are not acceptable as part of the school uniform policy. Recently, some children have been wearing branded trainers, like, or similar, but not limited to the ones below which are not in line with the school's policy. These are not in line with the policy and therefore are not acceptable footwear in school (except on PE days).



**Hair and make-up / Jewellery/Watches**

Shoulder-length hair or longer must be completely tied up for all children. Children are not to come to school with dyed, coloured or patterned/extreme hair. **As per the school policy, no make-up is permitted in school at any time. If your child comes to school with make-up or nail varnish on, they will have it removed in school. Hairbands should be in school colours or black or white and should not have large bows.** Our uniform policy states that only small stud earrings are permitted. Any coloured or patterned earrings or hoops are not acceptable.

### **Phones, watches and smart devices**

Watches are allowed but not smart watches. There are many different types of smart watch available, many of which have features unsuitable for school. Even those without internet connectivity can cause a distraction to children in lessons and we do not believe that children should be bringing in such valuable items where there is the risk of them getting lost or damaged. Smart watches will be removed and stored with mobile phones (which are powered down and stored in the teacher's cupboard). Children must not use their mobile phone anywhere on the school premises (Phones must be off, away, out of sight). **Calls and messages must only be sent and received outside the school gate.** No photos, videos, apps or internet access are permitted on the school grounds.

We are very proud of our school and of our pupils and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour and attending regularly gives every one of our pupils the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best. It also helps prepare our children for secondary school where the guidance is even firmer and children are given few, if any, chances to correct issues with uniforms.

Breaches of school uniform, without written parental permission in advance, will be addressed in the following ways ('School uniform breaches' also refers to smart watches, mobile phones, hair, make up, jewellery, PE kit, shoes and all clothing elements).

#### **1<sup>st</sup> time**

The child is spoken to in school and reminded about what they should wear to school.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> time**

Class teacher sends note or will phone home to parents explaining how the uniform policy was not met.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> time**

KS Leader calls parents to discuss if situation is not remedied during a reasonable amount of time.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> time**

School phones home to arrange a meeting between parents and senior leader.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> time**

Headteacher sends letter home if uniform policy still not being met. At this point the child made be refused access to school until uniform is appropriate.

Thank you all very much in advance for your anticipated support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Beveridge, Mrs Pampin and Mr Dean

On behalf of the school governors.