

# **St Katherine's School & Nursery**



## **School Uniform Policy**

*Creating our Future by Learning Together*

**Date of Policy: July 2025**

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

### AIMS

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers best value for money for parents and carers.
- Clarify expectations for school uniform.

Our school uniform is important to us. Our children look smart in their uniform, which reflects the tone and ethos of our school. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity, which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of life. It also promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security when off site.

School uniform is part of our ethos and in coming to **St Katherine's**, **parents agree to support our policy. Please remember to name all items of clothing.**

At St Katherine's School & Nursery we believe that the uniform we require should be affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. Uniform can be purchased **by visiting the store at Unit 7-8 Granada House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JR or ordered via their website**, whereby you will have the option for your order to be delivered to your home or to the school. For more information, please go to <http://pages-schoolwear.co.uk/Products/Index?school=64>

We also have our Community Wardrobe that has second hand school uniform available for free or a donation.

### WINTER UNIFORM:

- Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress and grey trousers
- Grey or white socks and grey tights
- Plain white shirt
- Navy blue jumper with logo or without
- School tie (not required in Nursery)
- Black shoes (**trainers are not permitted**)

### SUMMER UNIFORM:

- Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress, grey trousers and grey shorts
- Navy blue and white checked dress
- Grey or white socks and grey tights
- Plain white shirt
- Navy blue jumper with logo or without
- School tie (not required in Nursery)
- Black shoes (**trainers are not permitted**)



\*Please note that skirts and dresses should be an appropriate length and fit, which is determined by the school.

## PE & SPORT

- Navy blue shorts
- T-shirt (Colour of house – red, green, yellow or blue)
- Black plimsolls / Trainers
- Plain trainers for outside only and trim trail
- Swimming trunks/shorts or swimming costume (not bikini), swimming hats
- Navy blue tracksuit



AIR EARTH FIRE WATER

## GENERAL

- Book bags
- PE bags
- Sunglasses are not allowed (unless medically necessary)
- Sun cream in the summer months must be applied before school
- Warm winter coat
- Sun hat for summer



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### FOOTWEAR

It is school policy for all children to wear **black shoes, no trainers, canvas, plastic or open toed sandals.**

### HAIRSTYLES

Children's hair should be **neatly groomed**. Long hair past shoulder length, on both boys and girls, **should be tied back** to help prevent the spread of head lice. **Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Children may not have distinctive line designs or words cut into their hair/ eyebrows or permanent/temporary coloured hair.** The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum. **Hair colouring/ highlighting is not permitted.**

### HAIR ACCESSORIES

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain black or navy (the school colours). Hairbands should not be oversized or flamboyant.

### JEWELLERY INCLUDING WATCHES

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this is small stud earrings, worn in pierced ears. Earrings must be no larger than the child's earlobe, sit close to the ear, and be plain in colour (small jewel, gold or silver)

as agreed with the Pupil Leadership Team, Summer 2025. All studs must be removed for PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. **Staff are unable to help with the removal of jewellery and they cannot be covered with tape.**



Children may wear a small suitable watch to school **from Year 2 onwards**. Please note that smart watches are not permitted. The school will be unable to take responsibility for any watches or jewellery that is lost.

## **HATS, HEADSCARVES or HEADWARE**

Head coverings inside the school building are not permitted unless it is due to religious reasons. School hats for winter and summer should be as plain as possible and ideally in the school colour of navy. School hats are available with the St Katherine's logo from [School Uniform – Pages Schoolwear \(pages-schoolwear.co.uk\)](http://pages-schoolwear.co.uk).

## **NAIL POLISH & MAKE-UP**

For health and safety reasons, children's nails should be cut to a short length. Children **should not wear nail varnish or false nails** to school and **make-up is not permitted**. If a child wears fake nails to school, they will be unable to participate in PE lessons, or go out onto the playground for breaktime/ lunchtime until they have them removed.

## **NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

If a child is not wearing the correct uniform, as stipulated in this policy, the following steps will be taken:

- 1) The class teacher will send a letter home to inform parents/ carers that their child has not worn the correct uniform into school on that day. It will identify where the uniform was not correct and remind them of the expectations.
- 2) Should there be any legitimate reason that the policy could not be followed, then parents/ carers must notify the class teacher, so that reasonable adjustments can be made (Equalities Act 2010).
- 3) If a child persistently refuses to adhere to the uniform policy, parents/ carers will be invited to discuss the reasons for the ongoing non-compliance with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The Senior Leadership Team will always seek to work with parents/carers and explore how the school may be able to support them to ensure the correct uniform is worn.
- 4) If non-compliance continues after this point, the head teacher will write to parents/carers and set a reasonable timeframe for the correct uniform to be provided.

5) If the issue persists past the given timeframe, the child will spend breaktimes and lunchtimes in an alternative setting, away from the playground, until the correct uniform is worn to school.