



St Mary's  
Colchester

## ST MARY'S SCHOOL UNIFORM LISTS AND RULES

Our uniform plays a vital role in fostering a sense of pride and unity among our pupils. Please find below full details of uniform required and uniform rules for the Kindergarten, Lower School and Senior School.

Our uniform supplier is School Colours and items can be ordered at [www.schoolcoloursdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolcoloursdirect.co.uk)

Uniform sizing sets are available at both the Lower School and Senior School and it is advised that the correct uniform sizes are determined before placing an order.

If you need assistance in any aspect of placing & receiving your order with School Colours, or if you need to return an item, please see the HELP & SUPPORT section on the School Colours Direct online uniform shop. This section can be accessed from the top bar on every page of the shop, including every product page. On each product page there is Delivery & Returns information. Please scroll down to see all the information applicable to your school.

## Kindergarten uniform

### Kindergarten uniform available to purchase from School Colours

- Culottes (for 3-4-year-olds, optional for 2-3-year-olds)
- Summer dress (optional for the summer term and first half of the autumn term)
- Kindergarten polo shirt
- Kindergarten sweatshirt
- Coat
- Puddlesuit (optional)
- Sun hat
- Bobble hat
- Overall
- Lower School PE bag to be used for daily belongings

### **Additional Kindergarten uniform items to be purchased**

- Navy bottom half item e.g. leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms, for 2–3-year-olds (optional instead of culottes or trousers)
- Navy shorts or trousers (for 3–4-year-old boys)
- Navy short socks (optional with culottes but short socks must be worn with summer dresses)
- Navy long socks or tights (optional – to be worn with culottes only)
- Navy or black shoes (no peep-toe or slip-on shoes)
- Wellies (to be left in Kindergarten)
- Gloves
- Water bottle
- Navy, black or neutral coloured hairbands for long hair
- Kindergarten PE, ballet and Forest School kit (only required if attending on a day where those activities are taking place)

### **Kindergarten kit needed depending on days attending, available from School Colours**

#### PE kit

- Kindergarten PE shorts
- Kindergarten PE t shirt

### **Additional Kindergarten kit needed depending on days attending**

#### PE kit

- Trainers (non-flashing, velcro fastening)
- White ankle socks (plain and no frills or trainer socks)
- Navy tracksuit bottoms

#### Ballet kit (optional)

- Ballet tutu dress
- Cardigan
- Socks or tights
- Ballet shoes or plimsolls

#### Forest School kit

- Layers of old clothes and socks
- Thermals
- Hat
- Gloves
- Waterproofs (puddlesuit for summer and fleece-lined suit for winter recommended)

### Kindergarten uniform rules

- All items should be clearly marked with your child's name.
- Anything that needs to be hung up will require a sewn-on loop.
- Long hair must be worn tied back with navy, black or neutral hair ties or a Lower School tartan scrunchie.
- Headbands are allowed if they are plain and navy or Lower School tartan, with no additional detailing e.g. flowers or bows. Hair clips must be navy.
- Earrings may be plain studs only.
- Earrings must be removed for PE.
- No make-up, including nail varnish.
- For **religious reasons**, any pupil may wear plain black or navy leggings underneath the culottes or kilt.
- If parents wish their daughter to cover her head, this should be with a plain headscarf, firmly tied at the back of the neck and tucked into the blouse collar. For safety reasons, loose veils may not be worn.

## Lower School uniform

### Lower School uniform available from School Colours

- Culottes or trousers
- Kilt (optional for Year 5-Year 6 instead of culottes or trousers)
- Summer dress (optional for the summer term and first half of the autumn term)
- White short or long sleeve blouse
- Pullover (optional)
- Lower School blazer
- Coat
- Book bag (Prep-Year 2)
- Junior Backpack (Year 3-Year 6)
- Sun hat
- Bobble hat
- Overall (Prep-Year 2, to wear at lunch)

### Additional Lower School uniform items to be purchased

- Navy short socks (optional with culottes but short socks must be worn with summer dresses)
- Navy long socks or tights (to be worn with culottes or kilt only)

- Navy or black shoes (**no peep-toe or slip-on shoes** for health and safety reasons)
- Wellies (to be left in school)
- Gloves
- Water bottle – in the lower years it is recommended it is a clear bottle so staff can identify how much water is being drunk during the day
- Navy, black or neutral coloured hairbands for long hair
- Basic set of headphones with 3.5mm connector - not lightning connector or wireless and no microphone required (left in school)
- Separate Oxford Dictionary and Oxford Thesaurus (Year 3-Year 6)
- Aulos descant recorder (Year 2-Year 6)
- Recorder Magic Book 1 (Year 2)

### Lower School PE kit available from School Colours

- Shorts
- Skort (Year 3-Year 6)
- Lower School polo
- Mid layer and/or base layer top and/or PE coat
- Tracksuit bottoms and/or base layer leggings (plain navy base layer leggings can also be worn)
- Hooped PE socks (Year 3-Year 6)
- Lower School PE bag

### Additional Lower School kit to be purchased

PE kit

- Black plimsolls
- Trainers, non-flashing (velcro fastening for Prep-Year 2)
- White ankle socks - plain, no frills or trainer socks
- Gumshield (Year 3-Year 6)
- Shin pads (Year 3-Year 6)
- Astro trainers or football boots but no metal studs (Year 3-Year 6)

Forest School (required for Prep and one term a year for Year 1-Year 6, term to be confirmed by the school office) – please send in a separate bag

- Layers of old clothes covering legs and arms
- Socks
- Waterproofs
- Thermals
- Hat
- Gloves

Ballet (**optional** and for Prep only) – please send in a separate bag

- Tutu dress
- Cardigan
- Socks/tights
- Ballet shoes

Swimming (required for one term a year for Year 1-Year 6, term to be confirmed by the school office) – please send in a separate rucksack

- Plain black one-piece swimsuit
- White swimming hat
- Towel
- Goggles

### Lower School uniform rules

- All items should be clearly marked with your child's name.
- Anything that needs to be hung up will require a sewn-on loop.
- Long hair must be worn tied back with navy, black or neutral hair ties or a Lower School tartan scrunchie.
- Headbands are allowed if they are plain navy or Lower School tartan, with **no** additional detailing e.g. flowers or bows. Hair clips must be navy.
- Earrings may be plain studs only.
- Earrings must be removed for PE and Games.
- Hair must be of natural colour.
- No make-up, including nail varnish.
- Smart watches are not allowed to be worn in school.
- For **religious reasons**, please note that pupils may wear plain black or navy leggings underneath their kilt.
- If your daughter's head needs to be covered for religious reasons, this should be with a plain headscarf, firmly tied at the back of the neck and tucked into the blouse collar. For safety reasons, loose veils may not be worn.
- Any jewellery which must be worn for religious reasons may be permitted on receipt of a written request to the Vice Principal. Examples may include:
  - Hindu – Rakhi (a cotton bracelet) – this cannot be removed.
  - Sikhism – Kara (metal bracelet 1 of the 5 Ks)
  - Christian Orthodox – cross necklace
- Where possible, jewellery should be removed for PE lessons however, if religious bracelets are unable to be removed these will need to be taped so that the pupils are safe during lessons. If you are unsure please do have a conversation with the school so that we can work together to ensure there is a mutually agreed way forward.

# Senior School uniform

## Senior School uniform available from School Colours

- Kilt or trousers
- White short or long sleeve blouse (Year 7-Year 10)
- Blue short or long sleeve blouse (Year 11)
- Pullover (optional)
- Senior School blazer

## Additional Senior School uniform items to be purchased

- Plain black flat shoes – heels no more than one inch at the highest point, no narrow heels, open toes, sandals or trainer type shoes
- Navy or black tights
- White ankle socks (no trainer socks)
- Plain navy or black coat, no fur on hoods
- Water bottle
- A combination padlock
- iPad: WiFi only model, not cellular enabled (unless already purchased), running software version ios 18
- Wired headphones
- Fully equipped pencil case including a Casio Scientific Calculator FX-85GTCW+ and a Geometry set
- Textiles - pair of small scissors, tape measure, dressmaking pins, packet of hand-sewing needles and needle threader, piece of tailor's chalk or tailor's pencil, quick unpick - all items to be named and stored in a small container e.g. tupperware
- Art - an art pack will be supplied by the Art department in first art lesson so the girls all have the appropriate quality resources

## Senior School PE kit available from School Colours

- Shorts
- Skort
- Senior School polo
- Base layer top (optional) – to be worn under polo shirt
- Mid layer PE jumper (optional)
- PE coat (optional)
- Tracksuit bottoms (optional)

- Base layer leggings (optional) – to be worn under tracksuit bottoms or short/skort
- Hooped PE socks
- Senior School PE bag

### **Additional Senior School PE kit to be purchased**

- Shin pads
- White ankle socks, no trainer liner socks
- Trainers
- Astro trainers or football boots but no metal studs

### **Senior School uniform rules**

- All items should be clearly marked with your daughter's name.
- As a guide, the length of kilts should be knee length to 1 ½ inches above the knee. Under no circumstances should the kilt be shorter than 3 inches above the middle of the kneecap.
- No bracelets, rings or necklaces may be worn.
- Jewellery that includes religious symbols may be permitted on receipt of a written request.
- One pair of small plain ear studs is acceptable.
- Earrings must be removed for PE and Games.
- Any other piercings are not acceptable.
- Long hair must be worn tied back with navy, black or neutral hair ties.
- Hair accessories should be navy or black and understated ie hairband, small bow
- Hair must be of natural colour.
- Nail varnish, Gel or Acrylic nails are not allowed.
- Make-up such as a light foundation only, will be allowed if it is natural and understated. No eye or lip make-up is permitted.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.
- Smart watches are not allowed to be worn in school.
- For religious reasons, please note that pupils may wear plain black or navy leggings underneath their kilt.
- If your daughter's head needs to be covered for religious reasons, this should be with a plain headscarf, firmly tied at the back of the neck and tucked into the blouse collar. For safety reasons, loose veils may not be worn.
- Any jewellery which must be worn for religious reasons may be permitted on receipt of a written request to the Principal, if discrete in size. Examples may include:
  - Hindu – Rakhi (a cotton bracelet) – this cannot be removed.
  - Sikhism – Kara (metal bracelet 1 of the 5 Ks)
  - Christian Orthodox – cross necklace

- Where possible, jewellery should be removed for PE lessons however, if religious bracelets are unable to be removed these will need to be taped so that the pupils are safe during lessons. If you are unsure please do have a conversation with the school so that we can work together to ensure there is a mutually agreed way forward.