

UNIFORM POLICY



St Martin's School

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1. Introduction

1.1. This policy has been developed using Welsh Government's School uniform and 1.2. appearance: policy guidance for governing bodies (WG23-17). The Governing Body has regarded its obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 when developing this policy.

- 1.3. Properly developed and appropriately implemented, a school uniform can: ■
- provide a sense of identity, community and cohesion within the school ■
 - support positive behaviour and school discipline
 - ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
 - remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
 - enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
 - help reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
 - benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
 - assist identification of strangers on school premises
 - support and promote the ethos of the school

2. The Uniform

Uniform can be purchased from: YC Sports, 5 Penlline Road, Whitchurch, Cardi, CF14 2AA www.ycsports.com	
Compulsory uniform items	
Blazer Black with school badge	
Tie	Clip-on tie Year 7: red stripe Year 8: red stripe Year 9-11: yellow stripe
Shirt	Plain white Long or short sleeved
Trousers	Tailored and black No jeans or leggings
Bag	Rucksack suitable for books and equipment No handbags or crossbody bags
Shoes	Plain black leather / leather-look
Coat	Plain black Small logo accepted School-branded coats are available

PE Kit	<p>Top: plain black t shirt / jumper</p> <p>Bottoms: plain black shorts / leggings / skorts / joggers</p> <p>Trainers</p> <p>Swimsuit</p> <p>St Martin's branded sports kits are required for those representing the school in a sport.</p>
Optional uniform items	
Jumper	<p>Black V-neck with school badge</p> <p>Plain black jumpers are not accepted</p>
Shorts	Tailored and black, with school badge
Branded PE Kit	School-branded items are available
Coat	School-branded coats are available
Other expectations	
<p>Jewellery Accepted: watch; a ring; a bracelet; a necklace (worn under shirt); a pair of small earrings</p> <p>Not accepted: Any other piercings</p> <p>Jewellery must be removed for health and safety if requested by sta.</p>	
<p>Hair / hats Hair colour should be natural</p> <p>Hats may be worn outdoors as protection from the weather, not indoors</p>	
<p>Make-up Discreet makeup is accepted</p> <p>False nails / eyelashes must be removed for health and safety if requested by sta.</p>	
<p>School badges can be purchased and sewn onto plain black blazers and shorts. School can also ax badges to items of uniform should you need help with this.</p>	

3. Support

3.1. Uniform swap shop: school has a stock of preloved uniforms which is available should you need it. Please inform your child's Head of Learning, or Reception, and we will work with you. School accepts donations of preloved uniforms, so please consider giving this to school once your child outgrows theirs or leaves school.

3.2. Schools Essentials Grant: This grant provides £125 (except for year 7 which is £200) to buy school uniform, equipment, sports kit, and kit for activities outside of school for your child. This funding is for pupils currently eligible for free school meals and looked after children. Find more information here

<https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs>.

4. Lost Property

- 4.1. Any items of uniform found on the school site will be kept until the end of the school year. After this, it will be transferred to the uniform swap shop. This includes coats and bags.