



St Anne's
Church of England Academy

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UNIFORM POLICY

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1. Policy Statement

At St Anne's we have extremely high expectations of our students in all aspects of behaviour. These expectations extend to our high standards around uniform.

Our students must look smart at all times both in and around the school grounds and when in the community, recognising that they are our ambassadors for our school.

There is a visual uniform guide for parents at the end of this policy.

2. Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, at St Anne's, we will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender.
- Make sure that our minimum uniform costs are the same for all students.
- Allow students to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons.
- Allow students to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols.
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality or medical by asking students or their parents to get in touch with their form tutor, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

3. Uniform requirements

3.1 Standard items

Items marked with * are available from our uniform supplier (see section 7). Other items may be purchased from any retailer.

- *Black blazer embroidered with the school badge.
- *black conventional skirt. The skirt must not be more than 6cm above the knee and skirts must not be rolled up. The skirt as a uniform item is not mandatory: trousers are permitted for all students.
- Plain black conventional trousers. No jeans, leggings, skinny fit trousers, tight fitting trousers or tracksuit bottoms. Jeans are defined as trousers with patch pockets and rivets. Trousers should not trail on the floor.
- Tailored black shorts can be worn this must not be more than 6cm above the knee.
- Skirts must be worn with plain black ankle socks or black tights.
- Trousers must be worn with plain black socks.
- *St Anne's tie 52".
- Plain black V-neck jumper (optional) This must not have ridges or patterns.
- Plain white long or short sleeved shirt. Shirts must be tucked into skirts or trousers at all times.
- Plain black shoes with no motifs (trainers, boots and pumps are not suitable).
- Hijabs, scarves, turbans, crowns and top knots, worn for religious reasons, must be plain black and well secured.
- Students are encouraged to wear an outdoor coat in predominantly blue, grey, black or similar dark colour. Discreet branding will be permitted however large motifs on coats are not acceptable. Denim, leather jackets or hoodies are not acceptable.
- Coats must be taken off before entering the school building.
- It is essential that all students have a school bag for books and PE kit. This aid them to be organised and full participate in learning.

3.2 PE kit

- *St Anne's Training t-shirt.
- Black training shorts or black tracksuit bottoms.
- *St Anne's PE hoodie (optional).
- Football boots.

- Trainers.

3.3 Seasonal considerations

A black long sleeved and/or legging style base layer may be worn under the regulation PE kit during the colder months.

In the case of severe weather when boots are worn for the journey to and from school a pair of shoes should be brought to change into when inside school.

Coats must not be worn in the school building and must be kept in a bag whilst indoors.

Blazers must be worn at all times but during exceptionally hot weather permission may be granted to remove blazers by the Headteacher.

3.4 Jewellery, hair, cosmetics and piercings

3.4.1 Jewellery / Belts

- Other than a wristwatch, students are allowed to wear one set of plain studded earrings. No other jewellery of any type is permitted.
- Parents and young people should be aware that the law does not allow children under the age of 16 to give their consent for intimate piercings.
- Students will be asked to remove any non-permitted jewellery immediately.
- The school does not take responsibility for the loss or damage of any jewellery, including wristwatches, brought onto the school site.
- Belts worn with trousers must be black and have a small buckle. Branded buckles are not permitted.

3.4.2 Hair

- Hair should be smart and appropriate for school.
- For reasons of health and safety hair that meets the shoulder must be tied back.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, anything under a grade three is unacceptable and there must be no patterns, tramlines or undercuts.
- students' hair must be within their natural colour range.
- No hair jewellery is permitted.
- Hairstyles linked to cultural heritage are permitted at the discretion of the Headteacher, where necessary in consultation with faith or cultural leaders. These must be a natural hair colour.

3.4.3 Cosmetics

- Body art and tattoos are not allowed throughout the school. The Tattooing of Minors Act 1969 makes it illegal for anyone to tattoo a young person under the age of 18.
- Students are not permitted to wear make-up.
- We do not permit false nails, nail varnish or false eyelashes.

4. Expectations of parents and carers

We expect our parents and carers to support us at all times in relation to upholding our high standards. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with their child's name
- In good condition

We encourage parents and carers to donate any outgrown or leavers' uniforms to the school if it is clean and in good condition. By doing this, we can offer these items to other St Anne's families as second-hand items and help to maintain affordability for all.

Parents should contact their child's Pastoral Year Leader in the first instance if they would like to raise any issues regarding uniform.

Any parental disputes about uniform will be resolved locally and by mutual agreement where possible. Parents have the right to raise any unresolved issues to the Headteacher via the complaints policy.

5. Expectations of pupils

5.1 Representing the school

Students are expected to always wear the correct uniform whilst:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- Attending out-of-school events, school trips and anywhere else where they are representing the school unless informed otherwise by the trip / event leader

Students should contact Pastoral Year Leader if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Non-adherence to the policy

Staff will closely monitor students to ensure that they are in the correct uniform. Uniform will be checked and addressed on entry into school every day by staff.

Where it is deemed a student is not in the correct uniform or where their general appearance does not fall in line with policy, they will be loaned the item for the day if appropriate. Defiance of the uniform policy may be dealt with in several ways which may include:

- Detention
- Social time exclusion
- Uniform report
- Parental contact
- Internal exclusion
- Substitute uniform

The Headteacher reserves the right to send home any pupil who is deemed to be inappropriately dressed or presented for school.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in students not complying with uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.3 Lost property

Students are responsible for collecting their own lost property. Where items are clearly labelled with a name tag, students will be contacted to collect. Any lost property not claimed within six weeks of being handed in will be cleaned and offered out as second-hand uniform or donated to charity.

6. Uniform costs

6.1 Affordability considerations

We have a duty to ensure that our uniform is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items and items which are only available from our uniform supplier) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to shop around for a lower price.

We therefore ensure that our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides value for money for parents and carers, based on durability and quality
- Acts as a social leveller by making items standard as much as possible

We do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics and keeping branded items to a minimum whilst maintaining a smart image where all students are dressed the same, regardless of socio-economic background
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as our school tie and school skirt
- Avoiding specific requirements for items students could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags, and shoes. We ask for plain styles in this respect
- We have no optional branded items, endorsing the school's uniform as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year or class groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- There are no costs to parents / carers for branded team kits for extra-curricular sports
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimizing the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and students on any proposed significant changes to uniform and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.

6.2 Second-hand items

Any unclaimed items of lost property, together with donations of clean, good condition, outgrown or leavers' uniform items will be made available to all families at no cost. We ask that families use these items in order to minimise waste and protect the environment. Items can be requested discreetly through a link on our website.

6.3 Hardship fund

The school maintains a limited hardship fund which supports families in need, helping to ensure that every child has opportunity to participate fully in school life. This includes helping families who are struggling to meet the costs of uniform, particularly branded items which cannot be purchased from general retailers.

Applications should be made in writing to the Headteacher, who has the final decision about allocation of this fund, made in consultation with senior and pastoral colleagues.

The hardship fund is finite and requests will be processed in the light available resources. Whilst we offer no guarantees that every application will be successful, we encourage those who are in genuine need to consider this as a viable option.

7. Uniform supplier

Branded items can be purchased from Broadbents (www.broadbentsofmiddleton.co.uk) Other local retail outlets are also available.

Governance

The governing board will review this policy every 3 years, making sure that:

- It continues to be appropriate for our school's context
- It is implemented fairly across the school
- The views of parents and pupils are taken into account as and when any significant uniform changes are proposed
- We are offering a uniform that is appropriate, practical, and safe for all students.
- Our uniform supplier gives high priority to cost and value for money by ensuring that we re-tender our supplier contract at least every 5 years.

8. Cross references

- Behaviour policy
- Equality policy
- Complaints policy

Uniform Expectations for St Anne's Academy 2024-2025

Trouser guidance



- Plain black conventional trousers.
- No jeans, leggings, skinny fit trousers, tight fitting trousers or tracksuit bottoms. Jeans are defined as trousers with patch pockets and rivets.
- Trousers should not trail on the floor.



Skirt and Short Guidance

Skirts can be purchased directly from our uniform supplier.

No other skirt type must be worn.



Footwear guidance

- Footwear must appear to be shoe like rather than trainer like.
- In general shoes made by sportswear manufacturers are likely to be deemed trainers.
- Shoes that cover the ankle are deemed to be boot
- Shoes that have an appearance like pumps through either canvas material or yellow rubber soul. Converse and Vans are not school shoes.
- Shoes with additional decoration or features that stand out (such as a large crepe sole) are not acceptable

