



**St Columb Minor
Academy**



Kernow Learning
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School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Our policy has been developed taking into account the Department for Education's [Cost of School Uniforms](#) guidance

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our School Uniform Comprises of:

White blouse or white shirt OR white polo shirt with logo (plain polo shirts are acceptable) Year 5 & 6 can wear light blue polo shirts.

Grey pinafore dress OR grey/black skirt **MUST** be worn at knee length OR grey/black tailored trousers or shorts – **NO LEGGINGS**

Blue/ white gingham or striped dress

Royal blue cardigan or jumper with logo (plain cardigans/jumpers are acceptable) White, grey or black socks, or tights

Footwear

Black sensible functional shoes.

PE

For reasons of hygiene and health and safety, we ask that all children have a change of clothing for PE:

White T-shirt with school logo (plain t-shirts are acceptable)





Blue or black shorts

Trainers or plimsolls (not school shoes!)

Tracksuit bottoms (black/grey/blue) and a school jumper for cooler weather conditions.

Don't forget to clearly mark all children's clothing with their full name.

Uniform Supplier

We sell branded uniform through our school office.

Second Hand Uniform

We have a stock of high quality (as good as new) second hand uniform items which have the school logo on them. This includes main uniform and PE kit. Please enquire at the school office if you require items of uniform from this stock.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are gold or silver studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster. Children are allowed to wear a simple watch for the purpose of telling the time but we **do not allow Fitbit's or smart watches** (See E-Safety Policy)

Alternative Uniform

We place great value on fellowship and family. In support of this, children who are members of community groups such as Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies or Guides are invited to wear these uniforms to school on the day that their group is celebrated. Our aim is that the children take a pride in being part of a community group.

Hair, Make-up and Nail Varnish

We ask that hair is of a natural colour and for long hair to be tied back if it is any longer than shoulder length, so as not to hinder the child during the school day using accessories in the school colours. We also ask that children do not wear make-up or nail varnish to school.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.





The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

Equal Opportunities

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The Role of Governors

The Local Advisory Board supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Monitoring and Review

When monitoring this policy, the Local Advisory Board will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

