



# St Antony's Catholic Primary School



## Our Lady Of Grace Academy Trust School Uniform Policy 2024-2026

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## **Our Mission Statement**

*At St. Antony's Catholic School we celebrate our special talents as children of God:*

*We try to be like Jesus and always keep Him in our hearts*

*We work together in our homes, school and parish to share our gifts and learn together*

*We understand that we are all different and we respect each other regardless,*

*We look after our world so that we may share it together in peace*

*by doing all these we ensure that we are all living our School's Motto:*

**'LEARNING TOGETHER IN GOD'S LOVE'**

## **OUR VISION**



Our Vision at St Antony's sees our school with

### **CHRIST AT ITS CENTRE**

as we work as an agent of positive change, engaging all stakeholders inclusive of: Governors, Teachers, Parents, Children, Church and community. We inspire and support all our children and staff from Nursery to Year 6 to work purposefully and collaboratively in school and with all relevant stakeholders and agencies to aspire to achieve to their individual fullest potential. Our school will function as a centre of excellence and an axis of holistic transformation and development within our community by enabling all under our care to aspire to ultimately achieve self-actualisation through sound **S**piritual, **M**oral, **S**ocial and **C**ultural formation while embedding effective behaviour for life and learning. Through sound personal and shared values, we will take a positive, progressive and optimistic approach to life and living while upholding core Christian and British Values leading all to the achievement of the highest academic, socio-economic and sustainable life goals individually and collectively possible.

***ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS, THEREFORE:  
"LET YOUR WORDS TEACH AND YOUR ACTIONS SPEAK"***

***St Anthony of Padua***

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## 1. The Aim of The School's Uniform Policy

The Local Governing Board and Leadership of the school have agreed that the school uniform should be universal; this means that all children should wear the uniform across the school. The Governors and Leadership have taken into account government guidance, available on this matter, when setting this policy.

The school's uniform policy is based on the premise that uniforms provide a sense of belonging and equality and dispels bias for all students. We believe that uniforms are essential in fostering a good learning environment and promote core values such as equality, safety and a sense of collective identity in line with the ethos of the school.

At St Antony's Catholic Primary we believe that by virtue of all pupils wearing the same uniform, this reduces peer pressure at school linked to having the latest clothes and trends and helps all our children feel on equal par and aids them with placing their focus on their learning within the learning environment.

We recognise however that uniforms can be costly for parents, which is why we have put actions in place to ensure that our parents have assistance with furnishing their children with all pieces of their uniform without having to pay for more than one branded aspect of the uniform keeping costs to a minimum. We seek to ensure:

- That parents can readily secure all items of the school uniform inclusive of the school's Jumper or cardigan which features the schools crest for identification purposes. In this way we are in line with statutory government guidance which requires schools to keep branded items to a minimum.
- The school engages with parents and pupils at each Parents' Information Evening annually to discuss the matter of the school uniform- informing policy.
- The uniform policy is placed on the school's website, available for all parents, including parents of prospective pupils, and is easily understood/accessed.
- The school has a well-established pre-owned/ second-hand school uniform procedure in place making uniforms available to new and established pupils at greatly reduced cost. Many pupils whose needs are means tested are provided with uniforms from the school's internal stock free of cost.
- Information on pre-owned/second-hand uniforms is shared discretely with parents upon admission during their induction meetings and openly at Parents' Information Evenings to provide access to those in need.
- The school's jumper/cardigan, which is the only branded item, is available from a number of established outlets/shops including: Tesco, Zeco and Asda at very reasonable rates as well as at nationally established companies such as Ian Howard-giving parents choice and fair options for keeping costs down.
- Our school uniform policy is inclusive of all faiths as the school is a safe community where pupils are able to freely express their religious beliefs without compromising important school policies, such as school safety or discipline. Due consideration is given to the diverse range of beliefs, ethnicities, pupils with disability and other special circumstances to ensure we continue to comply with our duties under equalities legislation.

## 2. The Correct School Uniform:

- **Pre-School and EYFS Pupils are required to wear the following to school daily:**



- A bottle green jumper with the schools crest
- A yellow or gold polo shirt
- A bottle green jogging bottom
- Black, dark grey, bottle green or white socks
- Black sensible shoes or trainers
- Sober and simple haircuts for boys (no Mohawks or designs)
- Simple age appropriate girl hair styles which are modest
- Ribbons/hair clips must be bottle green, yellow, black or white
- No jewellery is allowed excepting small studs in gold or silver for girls for health and safety purposes

- **KS1 and KS2 Pupils are required to wear the following to school daily:**



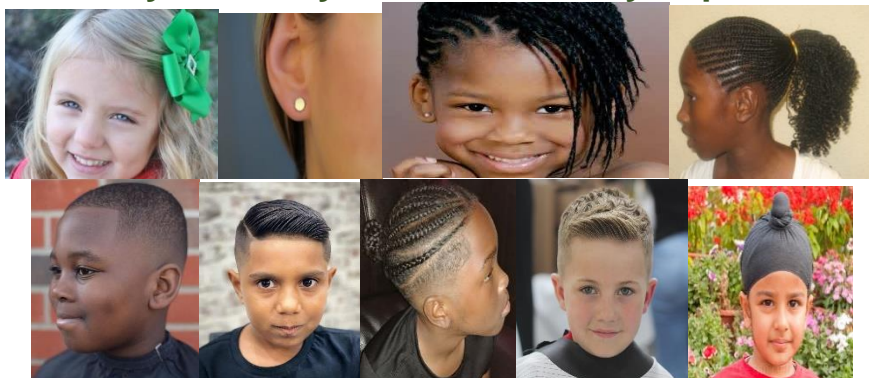
- A bottle green jumper or cardigan with the school's crest
- A white long or short sleeved shirt
- Black or dark grey trousers for boys
- Bottle green skirts or tunics for girls
- A bottle green tie with gold stripes
- Black, dark grey, bottle green or white socks/or tights for girls
- Black sensible girls and boys school shoes-no boots above the ankle.
- Sober and simple haircuts for boys (no Mohawks or designs)
- Simple age appropriate girls' hair styles natural or braided (no coloured braids)
- Ribbons/hair clips must be bottle green, yellow, black or white
- No jewellery is allowed excepting small stud earrings in gold or silver for girls only- as these are safe for health & safety purposes
- Boys **are not allowed earrings** in school
- **Coats:** All children are required to wear coats in sober colours of black, bottle green, navy or brown. No full fur coats, multi-coloured, or bomber coats should be worn. Coats that are waterproof as well as warm are practical and cost effective.
- **Pre-Owned Uniforms** are always available from the school through the PTFA's Pre-Owned Uniform initiative. Parents may simply enquire at the school's office for the parent contacts in charge of the initiative or the school's Welfare officer for assistance to purchase at highly reduced rates.

## Girls Summer Uniform



The summer dress is optional and may be worn alongside the school's standard uniform during the summer months.

## Girls and Boys Hair Styles and Jewellery Explained



- **Simple age appropriate girls' hair styles** natural or braided (no dyed hair or coloured braids)-ribbons/hair clips must be green, yellow, black or white and not oversized posing a distraction.
- **Simple, sober hair styles are required for boys** of all ethnicities/cultures
- No jewellery is allowed excepting **small stud earrings in gold or silver for girls only** as seen above- for health and safety purposes
- Children in years 5 and 6 **may wear a simple leather/plastic band watch** –**no smart digital, gold or silver watches are to be worn** as these may make upper school pupils a target as they travel independently on their way to or from school.
- **Boys are not allowed earrings in school**

### Purchasing Our School Uniform:

The school's uniform may be purchased at a range of stores including Tesco, Zeco, Asda on line or in store or at Ian Howard's Uniform Stores: **Address:** 409 Barking Rd, London E6 2JT **Hours:** 9am- Closes 5:30PM **Phone:** [020 8472 1729](tel:02084721729)

## The School's PE Kit: To Be Worn To School On PE Days



- A bottle green jumper with the schools crest
- A yellow or gold polo shirt with or without the schools crest
- A bottle green jogging bottom any brand of choice
- Black, dark grey, bottle green or white socks
- Black, white, navy trainers any brand or black plimsolls

## The School's Swimming Kit Requirement

Swimming Kit is to be worn under normal PE Kit on Swimming Days



- **Girls Swimming Costumes** should be a **1 piece full -bodied suit** (no cut-outs) –any brand of parents' choosing within their price point
- **Boys** need to have either 'Speedo' type trunks or swimming trunk shorts of any brand with parents purchasing what is reasonable in cost
- All **need** a **swimming cap** and a **simple waterproof drawstring bag** which includes:
  - **Clean underwear** for after swimming
  - **A Towel** to dry themselves after swimming
  - **A Swimming Cap** (any brand)
  - **A small plastic/carrier bag** for their wet swimming costume after class
  - **A Water Bottle** to keep hydrated before and after lessons
  - **Goggles** are **NOT** mandatory.



## **Parent/Carers Responsibility**

All Parents are advised prior to applying for admission and accepting a place at St Antony's Catholic Primary to consider their responsibilities in terms of school uniform and support the Governors' and Leadership's decision in this respect.

### **All items of uniform MUST have the child's name labelled on them.**

Children should not be sent to school wearing 'colourful' trainers if possible. Trainers should preferably be black, navy or white in colour from any brand which offers parents the most reasonable and affordable cost.

Any child found repeatedly not wearing the correct uniform will be given a letter to take home to their parent/carer providing details of the correct uniform that should be worn daily; as the school annually discusses expectations with regards to uniforms at each Parent Consultation Evening held at the beginning of the school year. In the event that any parent is in need of support in this area the school will offer the needed support to ensure compliance.

## **Children's Responsibility**

All children at St Antony's Catholic Primary are expected to wear the correct school and PE uniform with pride at all times while travelling to and from school and while at school. No 'modifications' should be made to the uniform and all parts of the uniform should be worn at all times, with the exception of jumpers and cardigans being removed during hot weather. A school tie must be worn with the uniform at all times excepting with summer dresses.

## **Staff and School Responsibility**

All members of staff will be responsible for checking the children's school uniform and all members of staff are authorised to send home a 'uniform reminder'. The reminder will detail the correct uniform that should be worn.

## **Monitoring and Review**

The Governors and Leadership of the school will review this policy at least biannually. If the need arises to make any substantive changes to the uniform requirements; parents, children and staff will be consulted with, prior to any changes being made.