

<b>School Policy</b>	
<b>School</b>	St Martins school
<b>Name</b>	Uniform Policy
<b>Statutory Policy</b>	yes
<b>Members of Staff Responsible</b>	Headteacher /SLT.
<b>Date of Review of current document , term / year</b>	Summer 2022
<b>Review Cycle</b>	2 Years
<b>Website</b>	Yes
<b>Approval body.</b>	Local Governing Body
<b>Legislation</b>	DofE Statutory Guidance
<b>Trust policy</b>	
<b>Stakeholders; staff / students / parents / community</b>	<b>staff / students / parents / community</b>
<b>Other policy to be taken account of</b>	Behaviour Policy

### **St Martins School Uniform Policy**

A school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Most schools in England have a uniform or dress code, and other rules on appearance.

*The Department of Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instill pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils.*

Above all, many schools believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

It is for the governing body of a school to decide whether there should be a school uniform and other rules relating to appearance, and if so what they should be.

It is also for the governing body to decide how the uniform should be sourced. The governing body should be able to demonstrate to parents how best value has been achieved and keep the cost of supplying the uniform under review.

At St Martins School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting the tone for learning. It can help to:

- Encourage a sense of pride in the school
- Support positive behaviour and discipline
- Encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos
- Ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.
- Prepare students for life after school where many professions require a uniform,
- Ensures that school can easily identify pupils and identify anyone that shouldn't be in the school quickly and easily

At St Martins School, we have built flexibility and options into our policy to ensure all of our students feel comfortable and confident in the uniform. Feedback from students and parents added an option for a blazer from year 9; our PE kit has an option of adding a base layer.

At St Martins School as an all through school we ensure that uniform does not change dramatically through the phases. For example the purple sweatshirt is worn for nursery to year 8, the black sweater is worn from year 9 to 11.

St Martins School compares the cost of uniform with other local schools to ensure we are comparable.

Following feedback from parents, we have introduced an online ordering system via our suppliers, RAM leisure in Wrexham. This means parents can order direct for delivery to home and can order at times convenient to them rather than waiting for the school to bulk order.

<http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk/> RAM Leisure, Trinity House, Whitegate Industrial Complex, Wrexham, LL13 8UG 01978 360360

School has a 'pre loved' uniform Facebook page, which is communicated to new and existing parents. We strongly encourage recycling of our uniform. Money raised goes to our PTA

We can supply the school badge for a small fee for parents to apply to identical non-branded items.



## **Uniform**

### **Years 0-3**

Grey school trousers or skirt, with polo shirt and school sweatshirt.

School branded PE t-shirt is optional – pupils may wear plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings in colder weather. Pupils should wear their school jumper over the t-shirt.

School branded purple sweatshirt can be purchased from our preferred supplier or an identical item from a supplier of parental choice

### **Years 4-8**

Grey school trousers or a purple and grey check skirt available from our preferred supplier, with white school shirt and school tie and school sweatshirt.

School PE t shirt is optional for **years 5 and 6** – pupils may wear plain white t shirt and plain black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings in colder weather. Pupils should wear their school jumper over the t-shirt.

Students in **year 7 and 8** must wear a school PE polo top, a school skort or shorts and an optional school mid layer top. NO OTHER SWEATSHIRTS ARE PERMITTED

PLAIN BLACK BASE LAYER BOTTOMS CAN BE WORN UNDER SKORT/SHORTS IF THE WEATHER IS COLD

A 'gum shield' is highly recommended. From year 7, all students will require football boots.

School branded purple sweatshirt and PE kit can be purchased from our preferred supplier or an identical item from a supplier of parental choice

### **Years 9-11**

Black school trousers or a pleated knee length skirt available from our preferred supplier with either black school logo sweater or black school logo blazer, white school shirt and school tie.

**Students in year 7 -11** must wear a school PE polo top, a school skort or shorts and an optional school mid layer top. NO OTHER SWEATSHIRTS ARE PERMITTED

PLAIN BLACK BASE LAYER BOTTOMS CAN BE WORN UNDER SKORT/SHORTS IF THE WEATHER IS COLD

School branded purple sweatshirt can be purchased from our preferred supplier or an identical item from a supplier of parental choice

A 'gum shield' is highly recommended.

From year 7, all students will require football boots and shin pads

### **Look Smart, Work Smart**

We expect all our students to arrive at school prepared for the day's lessons. They will need to bring a school bag containing at least their planner, two pens, two pencils, ruler and an eraser.

Students are expected to have a work like appearance. For health and safety reasons and the potential risk of loss; school discourages the wearing of any jewellery for pupils. The ONLY jewellery pupils are permitted to wear are one small pair of stud earrings, a watch , one ring, any necklace should be tucked into the collar, or any religious adornment. They must be removed for PE and practical lessons.

### **Facial piercing is not permitted.**

Hair should be of a natural monochrome colour. Hair should be no shorter than a 'grade 2' and without 'tramlines'. Long hair should be tied back in practical lessons. If students do wish to wear make up this should be 'natural'.

Acrylic or gel nails are not appropriate for school - they hinder students in practical lessons and are a health and safety issue.

### **Footwear should be plain black leather type shoes with black laces if worn. Trainers and canvas style shoes are not acceptable.**

We have a stock of uniform items to lend to students who have not come to school in the correct uniform. Where a pupil is routinely not adhering to school uniform policy, we are considerate and will try to establish the reasons why and then take the appropriate action. This could include using Pupil premium to purchase items or it could include loaning items to students for the day. Refusal to accept loaned items could result in lunchtime or after school detentions.

Typical year 9 compulsory items that are branded 2022

local secondary school	St Martins
sweater £21.75	sweater £21.25
tie £6	tie £6.5
short £10.75	shorts £14.25
polo £14	polo £13.5
rugby £14	midlayer £17.5
socks £7	
total £73.5	total £73