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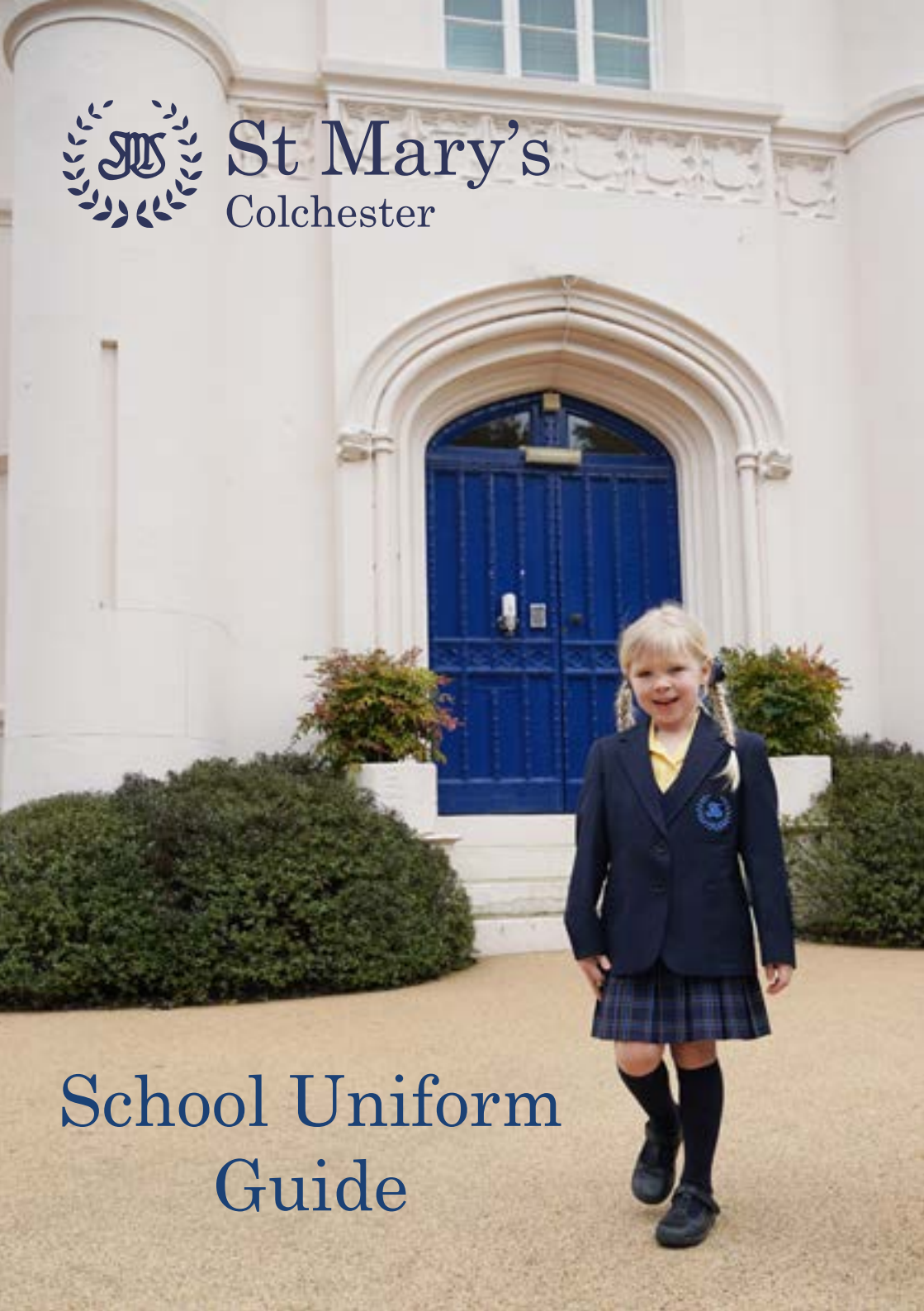

School Uniform Guide

Introduction and contents

The St Mary's school uniform is practical, easy to care for, smart and stylish. Children at St Mary's wear the uniform with pride and enjoy the sense of belonging it brings. It also makes life easier for parents!

Uniform for all sections of the school is available from the School Shop, located at the Senior School in Lexden Road. Items can also be ordered through our online shop, www.shop.stmaryscolchester.org.uk Orders are picked, packed and delivered to either the Lower or Senior School Office for you or your child to collect.

In this booklet you will find a measuring guide along with details of clothing and equipment needed for each part of the school. We have specified which items can be ordered from our School Shop and which can be purchased elsewhere, and have noted where items are optional. At the back of this guide you will find checklists you can use to ensure you have all you need.

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Measuring guide

Please use the following measuring guide to help you pick the correct size uniform for your child.

Chest: with their arms out to the side, measure the fullest part of your child's chest

Waist: measure the natural waistline, which you can find by getting your child to bend the top half of their body to the side

Skirt length: measure from the waist to just below knee

Dress length: measure from the top of the shoulder to just below the knee

Kindergarten summer uniform

To be worn from the second half of the summer term. Optional for the first half of the summer term and the first half of the autumn term.

Available from the School Shop

- Summer dress for the girls (pictured here)
- Navy v-neck pullover (pictured opposite)
- Navy short socks, also available elsewhere (pictured here)
- Gold polo shirt for boys (pictured below)

Available elsewhere

- Navy or black shoes, no peep-toe, black patent or slip-on shoes
- Navy shorts for boys

Kindergarten winter uniform

To be worn from the second half of the autumn term until the end of the spring term. Optional for the first half of the autumn term and the first half of the summer term.

Available from the School Shop

- Tartan tunic for girls (pictured here)
- Gold blouse for girls (pictured here)
- Navy v-neck pullover (pictured here)
- Navy knee-length socks (pictured p9) or navy tights (pictured here) for girls, also available elsewhere
- Navy short socks for boys, also available elsewhere

Available elsewhere

- Navy or black shoes, no peep-toe, black patent or slip-on shoes

Kindergarten Forest School, ballet and PE kits

PE kit needed if attending Fridays

Available from the School Shop
- White t-shirt with school crest (pictured here)
- Navy shorts (pictured here)

Available elsewhere
- Black slip-on plimsolls
- White or blue trainers, non-flashing, velcro fastening
- White ankle socks - plain, no frills or trainer socks
- Navy tracksuit

Additional Forest School kit needed if attending Mondays or Fridays, all available to purchase elsewhere
- Layers of old clothes and socks (arms and legs need to be covered)

Ballet outfit optional if attending Thursdays, all available to purchase elsewhere
- Ballet tutu dress
- Cardigan
- Ballet socks or tights
- Ballet shoes

Kindergarten accessories

Available from the School Shop
- School coat (pictured p11)
- Games bag for daily belongings (pictured p10)
- Blue overall (pictured here)
- Navy sun hat with neck protection (pictured left)
- Water bottle (pictured left)
- Headbands - summer and winter styles - optional (winter style pictured left)
- Scrunchies - summer and winter styles - optional (summer style pictured left)

Available elsewhere (all to be left in Kindergarten)
- Any colour wellies
- Waterproof puddlesuit
- Fleece lined winter puddlesuit
- Winter hat
- Gloves

Lower School summer uniform

To be worn the second half of the summer term. Optional for the first half of the summer term and the first half of the autumn term.

Available from the School Shop
- Summer dress (pictured here)
- Navy v-neck pullover (pictured p5)
- Navy blazer (pictured opposite)
- Navy short socks, also available elsewhere (pictured here)

Available elsewhere
- Navy or black shoes, no peep-toe, black patent, slip-on or shoes with heels more than ¾inch

Lower School winter uniform

To be worn from the second half of the autumn term until the end of the spring term. Optional for the first half of the autumn term and the first half of the summer term.

Available from the School Shop
- Tartan tunic for Prep-Year 2 (pictured here)
- Tartan kilt for Years 3-6 (pictured p12)
- Gold blouse (pictured here)
- Navy v-neck pullover (pictured p5)
- Navy blazer (pictured here)
  Navy knee-length socks (pictured here) or navy tights, also available elsewhere

Available elsewhere
- Navy or black shoes, no peep-toe, black patent, slip-on or shoes with heels more than ¾inch

Lower School PE kit

To be brought into school at the start of each half term.

Available from the School Shop
- White t-shirt (pictured p6)
- Navy shorts (pictured p6)
- Navy skort for Years 3-6 (pictured p14)
- Navy fleece (pictured here)
- Navy tracksuit trousers (pictured here)
- Navy base layer leggings for Years 3-6 – optional (pictured p16)
- House-coloured polo shirt (pictured below)
- Games bag (pictured here)
- White swimming hat for Years 1-6, also available elsewhere
- Hockey socks for Years 3-6 (pictured p14)

Available elsewhere
- Black slip-on plimsolls
- White or blue trainers, non-flashing (velcro fastening for Prep-Year 2)
- White ankle socks - plain, no frills or trainer socks
- Plain black one-piece swimsuit, towel and goggles in rucksack (with white swimming hat) for Years 1-6
- Gumshield for Years 3-6
- Shin pads for Years 3-6

Lower School accessories and equipment

Available from the School Shop
- School coat (pictured here)
- Book bag for Prep-Year 2 (pictured right)
- Backpack for Years 3-6 (pictured right)
- Navy scarf (pictured here)
- Navy fleece hat (pictured here)
- Water bottle (pictured p7)
- Navy sun hat for Prep-Year 2 (pictured p7)
- White baseball cap for Years 3-6 (pictured right)
- Blue overall for Prep-Year 2 (pictured p7)
- Scrunchies - summer/winter styles - optional (summer style pictured p7)
- Headbands - summer/winter styles - optional (winter style pictured p7)

Available elsewhere
- Any colour wellies (left in school)
- Pencil case with colouring pencils (must fit in school tray)
- Oxford Thesaurus and Dictionary for Years 3-6 (also to be named)
- Aulos recorder and Recorder Magic Book 1 for Years 2-6
- Forest School kit - layers of old clothes and socks, thermals, hat, gloves, waterproofs, in bag
- Ballet outfit for Prep - tutu dress, cardigan, socks or tights, shoes

Year 7-10 uniform

Available from the School Shop

- Navy blazer (pictured here)
- Navy v-neck pullover (pictured here)
- Navy slipover (sleeveless jumper) - optional
- School kilt (pictured here)
- Gold blouse (pictured here)
- School coat for Year 7 (pictured below)
- School scarf for Year 7

Available elsewhere

- Plain black flat shoes - heels no more than one inch at lowest point, no narrow heels, open toes, sandals or trainer type shoes
- Navy or black tights for winter
- White ankle socks (no trainer socks) or natural colour plain tights for summer

Year 11 uniform

Available from the School Shop

- Navy v-neck pullover (pictured here)
- Navy slipover (sleeveless jumper) - optional
- Pencil skirt (pictured here)

Available direct from supplier (further details will be shared in the summer term of Year 10)

- Suit style jacket (pictured here)
- Blue blouse (pictured here)

Available elsewhere

- Plain black flat shoes, heels no more than one inch at lowest point, no narrow heels, open toes, sandals or trainer type shoes
- Navy or black tights for winter
- White ankle socks (no trainer socks), natural colour or plain tights for summer
- Plain navy coat

Senior School PE kit

Available from the School Shop
- Navy polo shirt (pictured here)
- Navy shorts (pictured here)
- Navy skort (pictured here)
- Navy fleece (pictured here)
- Tracksuit trousers and/or leggings (pictured here)
- Hockey socks (pictured here)
- Games holdall (pictured here)
- Shin pads, also available elsewhere
- Swimming hat

Available elsewhere
- White ankle socks, no trainer liner socks
- Trainers
- Astro trainers
- Plain one-piece swimsuit
- Towel for swimming

Optional kit available from School Shop
- Training top (pictured here)
- Base layer top
- Bag for swimming, also available elsewhere
- Shoe bag, also available elsewhere

Senior School equipment

Available from the School Shop
- Senior School water bottle (pictured right)
- Abus combination padlock (supplied to Year 7)

Available elsewhere
- iPad (running software version ios 12)
- Wired headphones (not Bluetooth as there is not the ability to connect)
- Fully equipped pencil case - 30cm ruler scientific calculator, eraser, scissors, Geometry set, coloured pencils, H or 2H pencil, glue stick, one red pen, one blue pen, one black pen, highlighter, pencil sharpener
- Recorder - basic descant recorder kit (cost approx £5 from Mann's Music Shop, Colchester)
- Textiles - pair of small scissors, tape measure, dressmaking pins, packet of hand-sewing needles and needle threader, piece of tailor's chalk or tailor's pencil, quick unpick - all items to be named and stored in a small container e.g. tupperware
- Art - subsidised pack supplied by Art department in first art lesson and invoiced accordingly

Kindergarten checklist

Available from the School Shop

Year round
- ☐ Navy pullover
- ☐ School coat
- ☐ Blue overall
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Games bag
- ☐ Navy short socks (also available elsewhere)
- ☐ Gold polo shirt for boys
- ☐ Navy shorts for boys
- ☐ Headbands (optional)
- ☐ Scrunchies (optional)
- ☐ White PE t-shirt (if attending Fridays)
- ☐ Navy PE shorts (if attending Fridays)

Summer
- ☐ Summer dress for girls
- ☐ Navy sun hat

Winter
- ☐ Tartan tunic for girls
- ☐ Gold blouse for girls
- ☐ Navy knee-length socks or navy tights for girls (also available elsewhere)

Available elsewhere

Year round
- ☐ Navy or black shoes
- ☐ Any colour wellies
- ☐ Forest School kit (if attending Mondays or Fridays)
- ☐ Ballet outfit (optional if attending Thursdays)
- ☐ Plimsolls (if attending Fridays)
- ☐ Trainers (if attending Fridays)
- ☐ White ankle socks (if attending Fridays)
- ☐ Navy tracksuit (if attending Fridays)

Summer
- ☐ Waterproof puddlesuit

Winter
- ☐ Fleece lined puddlesuit
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Gloves

Lower School checklist

Available from the School Shop

Year round
- ☐ School coat
- ☐ Navy blazer
- ☐ Navy pullover
- ☐ Navy short socks (also available elsewhere)
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Book bag for Prep-Year 2
- ☐ Overall for Prep-Year 2
- ☐ Tartan kilt for Years 3-6
- ☐ Gold blouse for Years 3-6
- ☐ Backpack for Years 3-6
- ☐ Headbands (optional)
- ☐ Scrunchies (optional)
- ☐ Games bag
- ☐ House-coloured polo shirt
- ☐ White PE t-shirt
- ☐ Navy PE shorts
- ☐ Navy PE fleece
- ☐ Navy PE tracksuit trousers
- ☐ Navy PE skort for Years 3-6
- ☐ Navy PE leggings for Years 3-6 (optional)
- ☐ Hockey socks for Years 3-6
- ☐ White swimming hat for Years 1-6 (also available elsewhere)

Summer
- ☐ Summer dress
- ☐ Navy sun hat for Prep-Year 2
- ☐ Baseball cap for Years 3-6

Winter
- ☐ Navy knee-length socks or navy tights (also available elsewhere)
- ☐ Navy scarf
- ☐ Navy fleece hat
- ☐ Tartan tunic for Prep-Year 2
- ☐ Gold blouse for Prep-Year 2

Available elsewhere

Year round
- ☐ Navy or black shoes
- ☐ Black plimsolls
- ☐ White or blue trainers
- ☐ Any colour wellies
- ☐ White ankle socks
- ☐ Fully equipped pencil case
- ☐ Forest School kit
- ☐ Ballet outfit for Prep
- ☐ Swimming kit for Years 1-6
- ☐ Aulos recorder and book for Years 2-6
- ☐ Gumshield for Years 3-6
- ☐ Shin pads for Years 3-6
- ☐ Oxford Thesaurus and Dictionary for Years 3-6

Senior School checklist

Available from the School Shop

All year
- ☐ Navy blazer
- ☐ Navy pullover
- ☐ Navy slipover (optional)
- ☐ School coat for Year 7
- ☐ School kilt for Years 7-10
- ☐ Gold blouse for Years 7-10
- ☐ Pencil skirt for Year 11
- ☐ Suit style jacket for Year 11
- ☐ Blue blouse for Year 11
- ☐ Plain navy coat for Year 11
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Abus combination padlock (supplied to Year 7)
- ☐ Navy PE polo shirt
- ☐ Navy PE shorts
- ☐ Navy PE skort
- ☐ Navy PE fleece
- ☐ PE tracksuit trousers and/or leggings
- ☐ Hockey socks
- ☐ Games holdall
- ☐ Shin pads (also available elsewhere)
- ☐ Swimming hat
- ☐ Training top (optional)
- ☐ Base layer top (optional)
- ☐ Bag for swimming (optional, also aviailable elsewhere)
- ☐ Shoe bag (optional, also available elsewhere)

Winter
- ☐ School Scarf for Year 7

Available elsewhere

All year
- ☐ Plain black flat shoes
- ☐ iPad
- ☐ Wired headphones
- ☐ Recorder
- ☐ Fully equipped pencil case
- ☐ Textiles kit
- ☐ Art pack (supplied by Art department in first art lesson and invoiced accordingly)
- ☐ White ankle socks, not trainer liner socks
- ☐ Trainers
- ☐ Astro trainers
- ☐ Plain one-piece swimsuit
- ☐ Swimming towel

Summer
- ☐ White ankle socks or natural colour plain tights

Winter
- ☐ Navy or black tights

School uniform rules

Kindergarten and Lower School uniform rules

- Long hair must be worn tied back. Hair ties must be navy or a Lower School scrunchie. Hair clips must be navy. Headbands are allowed if they are plain and navy with no additional detailing e.g. flowers or bows, or are a Lower School tartan headband.
- Earrings may be plain studs only. Earrings must be removed for PE and Games.
- All items should be clearly marked with your child's name.
- Anything that needs to be hung up will require a sewn-on loop.
- No make-up, including nail varnish.
- For religious reasons, any student may wear plain black or navy leggings underneath the tunic or kilt. If parents wish their daughter to cover her head, this should be with a plain yellow headscarf, which can be supplied by the school, firmly tied at the back of the neck and tucked into the blouse collar. For safety reasons, loose veils may not be worn.

Senior School uniform rules

- No bracelets, rings or necklaces may be worn. Jewellery that includes religious symbols may be permitted on receipt of a written request. One pair of small plain ear studs or sleeper rings is acceptable. Earrings must be removed for PE and Games. Tongue, eyebrow and nose piercings are not acceptable.
- Long hair must be worn tied back with blue or black hair ties. Hair must be of natural colour.
- Nail varnish and make-up are not allowed.
- All items should be clearly marked with your daughter's name.
- For religious reasons, students may wear plain black or navy leggings underneath the kilt. If parents wish their daughter to cover her head, this should be with a plain yellow headscarf, which can be supplied by the school, firmly tied at the back of the neck and tucked into the blouse collar. For safety reasons, loose veils may not be worn.

Contact us

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Jo Lowery, our School Shop Manager, through the Senior School office on 01206 572544 or info@stmaryscolchester.org.uk