

# St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy



Love One Another as I have Loved you

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## Uniform policy

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At St Thomas More CVA, our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and a readiness to learn. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It represents the equality of all children in the school, and enhances security. The wearing of school uniform can reduce distractions and instil a sense of pride to be part of the St Thomas More CVA community.

### **School Uniform**

- Grey shorts/ Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Maroon cardigan or jumper with school logo
- White shirt or blouse
- School tie
- Blue and white dress for the summer (with white socks)
- Black shoes (low heeled) (trainers are not suitable footwear)
- Grey or white socks

In the case of extreme weather children can wear boots to school but must change into a pair of shoes on arrival to school.

We expect children to wear the school uniform neatly and correctly with shirts and blouses tucked in and ties worn correctly.

### **PE Kit**

- White polo-shirt or t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- A plain navy tracksuit for colder months
- A navy tracksuit with school logo
- Trainers for outdoor PE lessons
- Black plimsolls

### **Jewellery**

- Wristwatch (no smartwatches)
- Plain silver or gold stud earrings (no hooped earrings)

Earrings should be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.

The school does not allow the wearing of other jewellery e.g. bangles, bracelets or rings unless worn for religious reasons.

Nail varnish and make-up must not be worn in school.

### **Hair**

Pupils' hair should be tidy at all times. Hair that reaches the shoulders should be tied back neatly. Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or have permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Hair accessories should be of a reasonable size and subdued colours where possible.

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### **Naming Clothing and Property**

Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked with your child's name so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

### **School Bags**

School book bags are available from the Marks and Spencer (see website details further on). Where a book bag is not used then a small drawstring bag or small rucksack may be brought to school.

### **School Uniform Suppliers**

St Thomas More CVA branded uniform can be purchased from:

Marks and Spencer

[www.mandsyourschooluniform.com](http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com)

Schoolwear Solutions

[www.schoolwearsolutions.com](http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com)

The Friends of St Thomas More hold second hand uniform sales throughout the year.

### **Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy**

St Thomas More CVA asks for the full support of parents and carers for compliance with the uniform policy. In school, staff will ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to.

Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day.

We understand there may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the class teacher either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, wearing different clothes as a part of a fundraising event or topic themed activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

If any parent or carer experiences any difficulties (including financial) purchasing uniform for their child we ask that they contact the school directly.