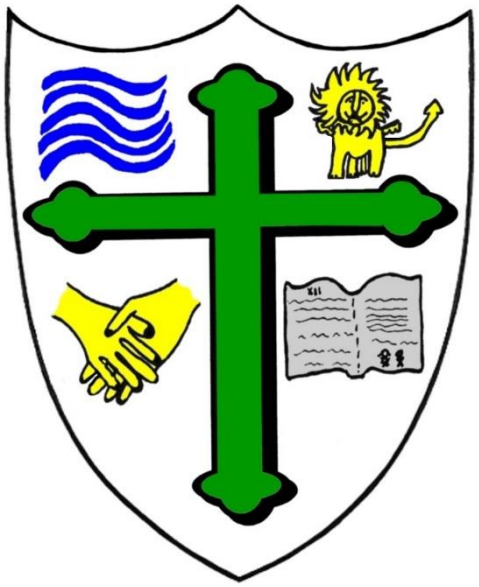
Highcliffe St Mark Primary School



School Uniform

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Our School Uniform

We believe that school uniform is important and gives children and the school a sense of identity and community. Most parents support this policy and high standards are encouraged.

At Highcliffe St Mark Primary we follow the guidance set out in the Education Act 2021 (guidance about the cost of school uniform) to ensure that our uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including quality and durability of the garment).

Uniform Items

The following items of uniform meet our expected standard:

Grey trousers or shorts

Grey knee-length skirt or pinafore dress

White polo shirts

Bottle green sweatshirts or cardigans (school logo- optional)

Optional Bottle green fleeces (with or without logo)

Sensible footwear (in plain black or grey)

Grey or white socks or tights (green tights are also acceptable)

Option of Green/white striped or checked dress from Easter until October half term

PE Kit

Please note the standard of PE kit expected for all children:

Plain black jogging bottoms or shorts

Plain black sweatshirt/hoodie.

House colour T Shirts (with or without logo)

Fledglings

Children in Fledglings can wear their own t-shirt or top. We ask them to wear black or grey jogging bottoms or trousers/skirt and a green sweater. They can also wear a green fleece top. Trainers or plimsolls with Velcro fastening and a pair of wellington boots to leave in school are requested.

Where you can buy uniform

The majority of school uniform can be purchased from a retailer of your choice. Please make sure that sweatshirts are bottle green. If you would like to buy uniform with the school logo these can be purchased from PMG Schoolwear https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/ and Earth Uniform www.earthuniform.com

Pre-loved uniform sales

Our FRIENDS team hold regular pre-loved logo uniform sales after school. Please see the FRIENDS page on our website or their Facebook page for more information.

Other Information

Jewellery and Make-up For health and safety reasons the only jewellery permitted is one stud earring per ear (these will be taped over for PE). Children in Key Stage 2 only are permitted to wear a simple watch to school (no smart watches). Children should not be wearing make up or nail varnish to school. Children wearing nail varnish or make up will be asked to remove it, with assistance from office staff.

School Bags Children in Foundation and KS1 will require a book bag but should not bring any other bags into school. Please keep in mind that KS2 are allocated a locker that is 41.5cm high, 26cm wide and 45cm deep. They must be able to fit their belongings in there, including their school bag and coat.

Hair Styles We recommend that long hair is tied back. Hair clips and bands need to be dark coloured, discreet and appropriate for school. All children will be asked to tie long hair back for PE, technology and any other lessons where it is deemed a health and safety risk. Hairstyles considered to be extreme are not permitted e.g. Mohicans, spikes, brightly coloured hair.

Uniform Grants If a child is entitled to pupil premium or has a parent in the forces, they will be entitled to £60 per annum. The cost of uniform items will be reimbursed on production of a receipt.

Swimming Kit All children must wear a swimming hat in the pool. Ideally, this would be in their house colour. The office does have house colour swimming hats available to purchase. Children can wear a one piece costume or swimming trunks (no shorts) and rash vest (optional). Earrings are not permitted and must be removed before swimming. Goggles are allowed but children must be able to put these on and remove them independently. Children need to bring a towel and a waterproof bag to put their kit in.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches For safeguarding reasons, children are not permitted to use mobile phones or to wear internet enabled devices such as Smart Watches in school. In Year 5 and 6, if your child needs a mobile phone for an after school activity, a permit, signed by the Headteacher, must be obtained. Mobile phone permission forms are available from the school office and mobile phones must be turned off and given to your child's teacher, and will be kept in the classroom cupboards during the day at the owners' risk. Fitbits can be worn.

Footwear All children should wear socks and sensible footwear (flat shoes/ankle boots - brown, black). Open toe sandals, trainers, heeled and novelty footwear are not acceptable.

Hats We encourage children to wear hats during hot weather; we may keep children inside, out of the sun, if they do not have a hat in school.

Valuing Diversity The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of

school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with SEND or disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

Please make sure all items of uniform and PE/swimming kit are clearly named.

DOCUMENT CHANGE RECORD

VERSION	DATE	REVIEWER	COMMENT
1	27.6.23	CB	Taken out ref to old uniform items
2	17.6.2024	CB	Changed Head of School to Headteacher, added clarity to Smart Watches references
3	16.6.2025	CB	Removed “boys” “girls” reference to swimming attire following request from girls to wear trunks and rash vest this year. Addition of Fledglings information.