

St. John's CE Primary School

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'Aiming for excellence with God as our guide'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Uniform and Birthday Celebrations

Here at St John's we are proud of our school uniform as it represents our uniqueness in the local community and helps keep our children smart and safe. Our lovely grey and distinctive blue uniform promotes our school vision for excellence in education and our Christian values. Furthermore, it helps you as parents to diffuse any issues you may have around 'demands' for expensive fashionable clothes and shoes. It prepares them for the world of work when many businesses have a certain style of dress or official logo.

I would like your support in this. There has been a recent increase of pupils out of proper uniform. We recognise that our children will quickly and unexpectedly grow out of uniform, you may be in the process of purchasing new clothes, but your responsibility is to let the class teacher or the office know as soon as possible. We can then make arrangements to accommodate this in a reasonable way. I attach a list of our uniform requirements.

Birthdays and Celebrations

On another note, St John's recognises the importance of celebrating birthdays and special milestones in children's development and we work closely with families to uphold these events. Usually we have a discrete class celebration of party treats; however we are a school that promotes a healthy life style and a positive attitude to physical exercise. **Our duty of care is to ensure the health and safety of pupils.** The future of the nation's health is in our hands now and we must ensure pupils value their wealth in health as soon as they enter the school. We follow strict policies on these matters and maintain a careful monitoring of situations that could trigger a dangerous allergic reaction.

Recently, some parents have been asking staff to perform more than our recommended party favours. To clarify the situation and to reduce the likelihood of children making 'demands' on parents, families feeling 'pressured' to provide something and any competitive elements with pupil friendships; we will only accept the following procedures:

Please, ensure you get the class teacher's permission. It will be their choice at that time. It is not our responsibility to organise or facilitate preparations of a full scale party.

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If it has been agreed, you can provide the following:

- Small bags of fruit
- Simple presents of pencils and rubbers
- Sometimes a small chocolate treat

Please note we can only allow treats that are suitable for children to safely consume with no nuts, pork or high level of sugar. Parents must check the content and wrapping to ensure simple party treats are healthy for all.

St John's supports the development of social and academic skills which encourages children to think and make wise life choices.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Rutherford
Head of School

ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL – UNIFORM LIST

Winter Uniform – Boys:

- Grey Trousers
- White Long Sleeved Shirt
- School Tie (available from School Office)
- Grey School Jumper with Logo (available from School Office)
- Grey Socks
- Black School Shoes (No Trainers or Boots)

Winter Uniform – Girls:

- Grey Skirt/Pinafore/Tunic or Trousers
- White long Sleeved Shirt
- School Tie (available from School Office)
- Grey School Jumper/Cardigan with Logo (available from School Office)
- Grey Socks/Tights
- Black School Shoes (No Trainers or Boots)
- Black Alice Band or ponytail bands only (No large or Elaborate hair ornaments)

Summer Uniform – Boys:

- Grey Trousers
- White Polo Shirt
- Grey Jumper with School Logo (as above)
- Grey Socks
- Black School Shoes (No Trainers or Boots)

Summer Uniform – Girls:

- Grey Skirt/Pinafore or Tunic with White Polo Shirt **OR:**
- Blue and White Checked Dress
- School Jumper/Cardigan with Logo (as above)
- White Socks
- Black School Shoes (No Trainers, Boots or Open Toed Sandals)
- Black or Blue & White Alice Band or elastic hair bands (No large hair Ornaments)

P.E. Kit:

- School Polo Shirt with Logo (available from School Office)
- Navy Tracksuit (optional, but useful in cold weather)
- Black or Navy Shorts
- Trainers or Plimsolls
- Bag/rucksack to store PE Kit in

School Book Bags – available from the School Office.

Please Note: Watches and a single or pair of **plain STUD** earrings may be worn; **no other jewellery** is to be worn. **Nail varnish/false nails are not permitted in school**

For Safety reasons, Long hair must be securely tied back.

For future reference, this list is on the school website, www.stjohnsbromley.co.uk