

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy



'Manus nobiscum Domine'
(Abide with us O Lord)

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Other policies linked to this policy: Home / School Agreement

Our Mission

As a community of life-long learners,
with Christ at the centre,
we strive to do our best and make a difference to the world.

Dare to dream and always have hope,
revealing Jesus to others through the choices we make,
while living life to the full.



Mane Nobiscum Domine – Stay with us Lord
Luke 24:29

LOVE

BELIEVE

ACHIEVE

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Main uniform

- GREY trousers or GREY knee length shorts or GREY skirt or pinafore dress.
- Plain WHITE shirt or polo shirt. Please ensure that these are long enough to be tucked into whichever bottoms your child is wearing.
- School BLUE round neck sweatshirt or cardigan with Cottesmore logo.
- School BLUE (not navy) and WHITE check dress may be worn in the summer. WHITE ankle or knee length socks can be worn with these dresses but only with these dresses.
- Plain smart BLACK shoes or trainers that are BLACK in their entirety eg no white logos or coloured names or markings. Parents of children wearing trainers with coloured logos or words will be contacted and asked to provide a pair that are completely black. Canvas shoes are not permitted. Black boots, ankle or full length, are also not permitted and again, families will be asked to provide alternatives if these are worn. In winter, boots can be worn to school however, children will then need to change into their school shoes when in the building. During summer, sandals may be worn. Sandals must have covered toes and straps that secure the ankle. These must be worn with socks.
- GREY socks or GREY tights for those wearing grey trousers, skirts or shorts. Socks must be knee length or just above the ankle. Sports socks and trainer socks are not permitted. White socks are permitted for children wearing the checked summer dress only.
- Plain headscarf for religious observance – ideally blue, white or black.

PE kit

- SKY BLUE polo shirt (no logo required, so can be purchased from any shop).
- NAVY shorts or NAVY tracksuit bottoms.
- Sweatshirts can be worn over PE kits in the colder weather.
- Trainers that are suitable for running, all weather and outside (these can be any colour). Plimsolls can be worn inside for indoor PE if children wish.

Children performing either in school or at external events or children representing the school must be in appropriate school uniform.

Accessories

- All long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be simple and small – a simple clip or hair band or hair tie. These are to ideally be BLUE or neutral eg white or black. Hair is to remain its natural colour. Hair is to remain its natural colour and not be shaved so short that you can see the scalp. Patterns are not to be shaved into short hair.

- Children in KS1 (infants) to use book bags with Cottesmore logo. No other bag is needed and, ideally, none will be used.
- KS2 (junior) children are to use a small rucksack. A rucksack with a Cottesmore logo is available to purchase from Logo Sports, if you would like to use the same bag for the duration of KS2. Two options of size are available. There is a larger version, but we encourage parents to buy the smaller otherwise cloakrooms get very full.
- Children are able to wear a simple watch but not a Smart Watches or anything that can access the Internet, even if disabled, or that has games or messaging options.
- Jewellery isn't permitted so no rings, bracelets or necklaces. These will be removed if worn to school. Only ear studs and small sleeper earrings are permitted. Children may wear a simple watch.
- Nails need to be kept short and nail polish is not permitted. Temporary tattoos are not permitted.
- Logo Sports offer a summer cap with a Cottesmore logo, this is optional, you are welcome to bring a cap of your choice.

Forest School clothes

Children should wear their PE kits for all Forest School sessions. Wellies and waterproofs will be needed if the weather is wet, and coats if it is cold. Please check the weather forecast on Forest School days.

Where to buy / source uniform

Our branded items (jumper or cardigan and KS1 bookbag is available from Logo Sports. To purchase new items such as sweatshirts, fleeces and book bags, you can:

1. Purchase it online from the supplier's website and collect it from their premises in Hove
(<https://www.logo-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category/cottesmore/>)
2. Go to the supplier and buy it over the counter (Logo Sports which is located at: Industrial House, Conway Street, Hove BN3 3LW)

All other items are non branded and can be purchased from any shop that sells school uniform eg M&S, Next, Tesco, ASDA etc.

The PTA sell good quality second hand uniform every half term. Please see the school calendar for dates. Items are priced from £1/£2. We ask that items in good condition, but that no longer fit your child, are recycled to the 'PTA second hand uniform shop' and thank you in advance for your donations.

Those receiving Pupil Premium are offered free second hand uniform. Please contact the school for more information.

Lost Property

Please ensure all items are labelled / named. We suggest that all items (uniform, book bags, water bottles etc) are clearly named.

Recommended labels can be purchased from www.MyNametags.com using our school ID: 22539, or this link takes you direct <https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=22539>

With My Nametags, you can design iron on or sticker labels that don't come off. If you order from here, please use our School ID: 22539 as we get money back for every purchase made.

More information can be found here:

https://www.mynametags.com/static/img/downloads/MyNametags_fundraising_leaflet.pdf

We kindly ask that you support in helping your child to take care of their belongings, including reminding them of what they need to bring home after school. This can really help to prevent items from being lost. Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have lost property area. For Key Stage 1, there is a box near the main KS1 door, and for KS2, there is a plastic storage box near to the cloister doors. Please visit here if your child has mislaid something.

Named items will be returned to the children every couple of weeks, however you are welcome to look in here before then. Unnamed, uncollected items will be recycled via 'PTA second hand uniform shop' or the charity shop (if non-school uniform items).