



## Trimley St Mary School Uniform Policy.

The Governors of Trimley St Mary Primary School are responsible for selecting a uniform which reflects the values of the school and the community in which all children belong to. The Governors encourage the wearing of the chosen uniform to create a sense of identity and equality across the community. The Governors and school are sensitive to the cultural differences that exist and that also of gender identity and fully support parents and carers and children to wear additional items of significance or personal choice.

The school uniform at Trimley St Mary has not changed for at least 20 years with the colour of sweatshirt being red being worn by children in Yr1- Yr5 and black when in Yr6 to signify leading by example.

The uniform does include a logo, but this is optional, and parents and carers are able to source non-uniformed logos from retail outlets of their choice.

The design of the school logo was refreshed in 2016 as the meaning of the logo established in 2005 had been lost. Children helped design the logo based upon key facts and associations with the community. For example, the 4 colours included represent the 4 house colours and the arching branching stems are reminiscent of trees and woods associated with the meaning of the word Trimley. As the branches over arch and intertwine, they form a network of connections, indicative of the collaborative value.



The uniform is deliberately chosen to be practical, easy to wash, easy to source at a range of retail outlets with logo items provided by a national chain, providing value for money.

The school does not stipulate the need to wear any logoed items as these are generally more costly than school uniform sourced from large retail outlets such as Primark and Tesco's. However, logoed items are provided to parents at the beginning of each year by the school, cost free to those children eligible for pupil premium funding as part of the schools funding strategy. Our Home school Liaison officer manages this discretely.

Second – hand uniform is also washed stored and co-ordinated by the school office and provided and offered to families on a need-to-know basis. The PTA also support and collect uniform to be distributed as needed.



### P.E Kits

Parents are requested to supply a P.E Kit, comprising of a plain white T shirt and Black or navy shorts. These can be sourced easily by parents from retail outlets of their choosing. As children in EYFS only undertake P.E. in the hall up until the Summer Term, parents are advised not to buy Plimsoles up until that time.



Older children partaking in PE outside are encouraged to either wear their school sweatshirts over the top of their P.E. kit or encouraged to bring in some jogging bottoms, leggings, or hoodie from home.

The school does not stipulate any particular-coloured items, suggesting as plain as possible. However, the school does discourage any sports logoed items, including football team kits. This positively discourages any competition, high value or status associated with any such items, thereby fostering a sense of equality.

### Colour Teams

Children belong to one colour team throughout their time at the school. The wearing of a coloured T shirt to reflect that colour is optional and a suggestion for this only on sports days, therefore this is not a stipulated item of school uniform.



The school provides additional P.E. kits to children who may not have one in school. These are kept in school and laundered by school staff to ensure that all children are appropriately equipped.

### **Circumstances: Covid Ventilation**

At the time of writing this policy, the school has advised parents and carers that children may need to sit in areas of school with continuous ventilation, so may need to be provided with an additional layer of clothing. This could include T shirts or vests under school uniform or fleeces and hoodies over the top. The school has encouraged children to do this for warmth and clearly accepts that these items of clothing are of parents own choosing.

### **School Kits-**

The school has several Team kits for children to wear when competing against other schools. These are supplied by the school for sporting fixtures and events.

Swimming: Children wear swimming costumes of their own choosing compliant with Suffolk schools swimming policy. E.g. one piece costumes and swimming trunks- not long shorts.

The range of logoed items can be purchased via PMG school wear shop in Ipswich Town Centre or on line. The school in conjunction with this retailer provides competitive prices alongside many other primary Schools.

Information for new starters to school is provided at New Parent induction meetings and within the school prospectus.

The formulation of a School uniform Policy by the Governors at this time does not suggest changes need to be made to be compatible with Government guidelines on the subject.

Governors are aware that should there be any future changes to the school uniform for whatever reason, these changes would need to be for the very best interest of the children and families it serves and the rationale for this clearly defined. The implementation of changes would be made in consultation with the school community in the first instance, and that the introduction would review:-

- The time required for introducing a new uniform policy
- The views of both parents and pupils
- The costs created by the policy – is the uniform value for money and available to all?
- Is the PE kit/ uniform practical and appropriate?
- Is the PE kit/uniform value for money for struggling parents?
- How will the new policy affect parents, pupils and suppliers?