St Martin's C of E Primary School

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'I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Uniform Expectation for September 2024 and beyond

As part of our school development plan we are focussing on **Motivation**, **Achievement and Pride (MAP)**, three things that will lead our decision making and focus for the next academic year. I am writing to you about the **PRIDE** element - this is pride in our work, our behaviour and also pride in how we come to school. As part of this, I would like to remind you of the uniform expectations we have at St Martin's, as we believe that children who come to school looking smart and who conform to the uniform rules are more likely to be focussed in their leaning. It also prepares them for secondary school and future employment, as there will be dress expectations that they have to comply with.

I like to think we are reasonable and have come up with a sensible approach to our expectations for September onwards. We will also be timetabling PE to be on one day of the week, so that the children do not have two days a week not in school uniform.

Our school colours for day to day uniform

Grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt

White polo shirt, shirt or blouse

Royal blue jumper or cardigan – this does not have to be one with the logo

Blue and white checked summer dress

White, black or grey socks

Black shoes – sensible ones, we do accept the trainer style ones.

PE kits (to be worn for the whole day on PE days)

Black shorts / jogging bottoms / leggings - small logo allowed

White shirt (not vest or cropped tops)

School jumper

White, black or grey socks

Pumps or trainers, as long as these are not bright colours, we are happy not to insist on black ones.

Please do not send your child in football kits or bright coloured sportswear.

Please ensure the children are not coming to school in jewellery, although we do allow a pair of stud earrings and a watch if the children wish to wear one. The children should not come to school wearing nail varnish or make up, although we do not have rule about hair cuts and styles. We know that children like to express themselves and that their hair can be one way to do this.

I would like to think that we are reasonable and have far less stringent rules than other schools and would ask for your support in ensuring your child does conform to these expectations from September.

Yours faithfully Mrs R Rought Headteacher