

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

19th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As communicated earlier in the year, we have been working diligently on amendments and clarifications to our uniform policy.

Policy Amendments for Consistency

We are not making significant changes to the existing uniform; rather, we are refining the policy to address areas of inconsistency and eliminate grey areas that can cause issues. By tightening these guidelines, we aim to ensure that all pupils adhere to the same standards, fostering a respectful and cohesive school environment.

New School Skirt

Starting in September, we are introducing a new school skirt design, chosen through parental consultation. The skirt is now available at Classworx in Macclesfield or can be ordered directly from their website: <u>Classworx</u>. *Classworx is offering a 10% discount on your first order of the skirt, which is reflected in the website price*. This high-quality skirt features an elastic adjuster in the waistband to ensure a long-lasting fit. From September, this will be the only permitted skirt as part of our uniform. Pupils who prefer not to wear the skirt may wear trousers instead—details below.

Girls' Trousers

Despite our repeated reminders that leggings are not part of our school uniform, some pupils continue to wear them. From September, only trousers made of school uniform material will be allowed. Classworx stocks suitable school uniform trousers, currently on sale on their website. Additionally, here are links to other suitable school trousers:

- <u>Girls' Skinny Leg Belted School Trousers (2-18 Yrs) | M&S Collection | M&S</u>
- <u>Girls High Waist Skinny School Trousers (9-18 Yrs) | M&S Collection | M&S</u>
- Black Senior High Waist Stretch School Trousers (9-18 Yrs) | Next
- V by Very Girls 2 Pack Woven School Trouser Plus Size Black

Supermarkets also sell suitable trousers made of school uniform material. New uniform stocks are typically available in late June/July. If you are unsure whether an item complies with our uniform policy, please call us to check before purchasing.

Please ensure that any trousers you buy for your daughter are made of school uniform material, as other materials will not be allowed.

Boys' Trousers

As a reminder, boys must also wear trousers made of school uniform material. Designs are available on the Classworx website or available as outlined above.



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Jumpers

School logo jumpers are available from Classworx. If you buy a school skirt and jumper during July, Classworx will offer an additional 10% discount on the jumper. KS3 pupils should wear the burgundy jumper, and KS4 pupils the black jumper.

Socks

As part of the updated policy, socks must be plain black or grey when worn with trousers, shorts, or skirts (no fluffy socks of any colour). Tights should be black.

Shoes

Shoes should be flat, plain black, and sensible, with no logos or motifs. Boots, trainers, canvas shoes, or sandals are not permitted. We will allow a plain black airforce shoe with the metal band removed. Please see the images on the school website for clarification.

Jewellery and Hair

Jewellery is limited to a watch and studs in the lower ears. For health and safety reasons, no other piercings are permitted. A new piercing at risk of healing is not an acceptable excuse for wearing anything other than studs in ears. Jewellery cannot be worn at all during PE, in accordance with school policy. Makeup and nail varnish must look natural; extreme-length acrylic nails will not be accepted. There should be no extreme hairstyles, such as patterns shaved into the head or vivid hair colours.

Non-Compliance with Uniform Policy

Please note that non-compliance with the uniform policy will result in the pupil being placed in isolation and/or a request for parents to bring the correct uniform to school.

Importance of Parental Support

Your support in ensuring your child complies with the uniform policy is invaluable. Adhering to the uniform guidelines helps reduce the time spent addressing non-compliance issues, allowing us to focus more on what truly matters—your child's education and learning experience. By working together, we can create a positive and purposeful environment for all pupils.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we implement these updates. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Our uniform guidelines are also available on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support.

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