



St. Thomas More
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Uniform and Equipment Policy

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The St Thomas More Mission:

We the St Thomas More family, 'aspire not to have more but be more'.

We aspire not to have the world but be more for the world.

#BeMore

We are **A**uthentic we seek to find our true vocation and who we really are

We are **S**acred we are loved and made in the image of God

We are **P**assionate we strive to grow and be our best selves

We are **I**nspirational what we do here can help us change the world

We are **R**esilient for our greatest learning comes when we make mistakes

We are **E**mpathetic we are called to care for all in our community and the world

Overview

Our Mission Statement states that we ‘strive to grow and be our best selves’

At St. Thomas More, we have expectations of the highest possible standards in all things for all pupils.

At St Thomas More, we are proud to wear our uniform. It contributes to our sense of belonging and our aspiration to #BeMore and ASPIRE.

Our school uniform is functional for everyday use, promotes a community identity and helps keep pupils safe. Our school uniform also promotes equality, as the same standards apply for all pupils.

Most items of uniform can be purchased from high street stores, however **items in bold can only be purchased from our uniform suppliers:**

[ClassworX](#) | [Your Uniform Store](#) | [School Uniform Supplier In Macclesfield](#)

School tie	School tie (clip-on for all years)
Shirt	White plain shirt (tucked into waistband of trousers/skirts) After May half-term short sleeved shirts may be worn.
Trousers	Plain, black trousers made from standard school uniform material. Jeans, cords or trousers made from Lycra or other stretchy materials are not permitted.
Skirt	Black, box pleat logo skirt – available from ClassworX
Jumper	School maroon plain v-neck jumper with school logo (Key Stage 3 pupils) School black plain v-neck jumper with school logo (Key Stage 4 pupils)
Socks/Tights	Plain black school socks. Pupils should not wear white/coloured/fluffy socks. Black tights (not patterned).
Shoes	Footwear must be: Plain black, flat, and sensible, free from logos or motifs, polishable (not canvas or fabric) and closed-toe boots are permitted only if they are plain black and ankle length. We will allow plain black Nike Air Force-style shoes with the metal tag removed - see appendix A for additional guidance
Shorts	After May half-term pupils can wear black tailored shorts as part of the summer uniform. No other shorts are permitted.
Hair	Hair should be neat and tidy without decorative attachments. Extreme styles, unnatural hair colours, tramlines, shaved shapes in the hair or eyebrows are not permitted.
Make-up	If make-up is worn, it should be moderate and unobtrusive, this includes lashes. Lashes must be natural looking and NOT ‘Russian’ style. Nails must be of a sensible length with natural looking nail varnish. Extreme

	length acrylic nails of colour or with decorative attachments will not be accepted.
Jewellery	The only jewellery permitted is a wristwatch, a light chain crucifix (tucked inside the shirt), a single stud earring, a set of plain stud earrings (Not hoops), one in each ear, worn in the lower ear lobe. No other piercings/jewellery is permitted. Any nose piercings must be removed; a clear plastic spacer can be used as a replacement. NB all jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.
Mobile Phones and other electronic devices.	There is no need to bring electronic devices into school. Mobile phones must be switched off (not just on silent) and remain in the pupil's bag whilst on the school site. If mobile phones are seen or heard, they will be confiscated. If a pupil has a mobile phone, visible on the school site, it will be confiscated as per the Mobile phone policy. The same applies to gaming devices, earphones, speakers and any other music device.
PE Kit	Logo PE Polo PE Hoodie (STM Logo or plain black) PE shorts (STM logo or plain black) Plain black base layers (optional) Black football socks (outdoor PE) White ankle socks (indoor PE) Trainers (NOT black soles) - no pumps, canvas or fabric shoes. PE leggings (STM logo or plain black - optional) Plain black tracksuit bottoms (to be worn at the discretion of the teacher in Winter) Football boots are highly recommended for outdoor football for both boys and girls

In all cases, the Headteacher has the discretion to decide what is and is not allowable under the policy.

The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and equipment, and that it is clean and in good repair.

Parental Requests

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform and equipment policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why

parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The governing body implements the school uniform and equipment policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding uniform and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform and equipment policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical and equips children ready to learn.

Equipment

Every student is expected to provide the following essential items of equipment for every lesson.

Bag – large enough to carry the following:

Compass

Felt tip pens or coloured pencils

Glue stick

PE kit when appropriate

Pencil

Pencil eraser

Pens – black or blue pen, purple pen and red pen

Reading book

Protractor

Ruler – 30cm

Scientific Calculator

Scissors

Textbooks and specialised equipment will be used on loan and students will be required to pay for any loss or damage to school property. This includes the school planner and library books.

The Academy does not take any responsibility for the loss of or the damage to personal possessions brought on to site.

Additional Guidance

- Pupils who do not conform to the uniform and equipment policy will be sanctioned in line with our Behaviour Policy.



UNIFORM UPDATES!

At STM, we're always looking for ways to keep uniform **costs down** for families, whilst maintaining the **smart, professional** look our students take pride in.



We've updated our uniform policy to:
STM logo items are:

1



SCHOOL JUMPER

2



SCHOOL PE
T-SHIRT

3



SCHOOL SKIRT
(IF SKIRT IS
PREFERRED OPTION)

4



SCHOOL TIE



STM logo items still
available as an **option**
(or plain black
can be purchased):



PE HOODY



PE SHORTS



PE LEGGINGS
(OPTIONAL)



The following items can still be purchased from
our supplier, **ClassworX**, or an alternative provider:



PLAIN WHITE
SHIRT



PLAIN, SMART
BLACK TROUSERS



PLAIN
BLACK SOCKS



PE HOODY



PE SHORTS



PE LEGGINGS
(OPTIONAL)



For full details, please visit our
website!

stthomasmorebuxton.srscmat.co.uk/parents/uniform-and-equipment/

WORKING TOGETHER
TO **ASPIRE** TO BE MORE



Appendix A

