

School uniform can be purchased from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists in Northgate Street, Gloucester but parents are not obliged to buy from just this shop.

It helps the children considerably if you choose clothes they can easily put on and off for themselves. Practising to put these clothes on and off before starting school helps children to feel more familiar and will give them more confidence. Remember, when the children take their school uniform off, particularly jumpers or cardigans when they get hot, they will need to know how to turn their clothes the right way round. Additionally, children may need to change after a toileting accident, or getting muddy at Forest School.

At St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, we take great pride in our school uniform as it is part of our identity. Our uniform is smart, functional, hardwearing, easy to obtain and maintain. **All children are required to wear the school uniform and we appreciate your support in this matter.**

- Black or grey classic cut trousers worn with grey or black socks (not luminous or jazzy). Short trousers may be worn in September and terms 5 & 6;
- Bottle green skirt or pinafore worn with bottle green tights or white socks;
- Green & white summer dress may be worn in September and terms 5 and 6. Worn with socks and not tights;
- White shirt (needs to have a **top button** to wear with school tie);
- School tie (elasticated until your child can knot own tie). Tie needs to be worn with all shirts;
- Bottle green v neck (not round) jumper / cardigan (with school logo, if desired);
- Black sensible shoes (no boots. No laces unless your child can tie them).

You may be aware that some shops sell school shirts that have Velcro fastening behind the buttons for easy fastening. This is designed as a special needs feature as there are some children who may not have the necessary dexterity or hand strength to develop this skill aged 4-5.

Although Velcro may sound like the answer to your prayers, we would like to point out that:

- Doing buttons is a **life skill** and in fact is part of our physical development curriculum.

- When the Velcro gets a few bits of fluff on it, or becomes a little tight, it will not stay done up and this means that your child will not be a 'smart soldier'.

Therefore, Velcro shirts are not part of our school uniform policy.



P.E. kit should be worn to school on a P.E. day instead of school uniform. Children should still wear their school jumper/cardigan.

- Plain bottle green, black or white shorts;
- Black jogging bottoms (not leggings or lycra sports leggings) can be worn in colder weather, bearing in mind children will be going outside to play at lunchtime in their P.E. kit;
- T-shirt in house colour (allocated house will be on your child's 'important diary dates' letter). School houses are: **Fire**, **Water**, **Earth** and **Wind**;
- Black slip on daps or trainers. Trainers should have Velcro fastenings, unless children can do laces up themselves.

Forest School (all year): A pair of wellingtons (named on the outside).

OPAL clothing for lunchtime (all year): Please see poster below.

You may wish to provide a change of (named) underwear and socks in a drawstring bag. A bag to place soiled/wet items in to send home should also be provided.

A **reading folder** (book bag) will also be required to keep your child's reading packs easily accessible in your child's drawer. Please name your child's book bag on the outside. Other bags / backpacks are not necessary for Reception children, unless you wish your child to put their lunch box inside. Backpacks do not fit in the classroom drawers.



Jewellery and Hair: Children are permitted to wear a watch. If your child has pierced ears, they may wear one pair of **small** studs (hooped earrings are not allowed). To protect your child, these must be removed before P.E. sessions. Your child is expected to remove and replace their own earrings. If your child cannot do this, earrings should not be worn to school on P.E. days (you will be informed of P.E. days at the start of term).

If your child has long hair it should be clipped or tied back. Two lengths of hair is acceptable, but the shortest should be a minimum of Grade 2. Mohican styles, shaved lines, tramlines, markings or patterns are not permitted. Excessive use of gel is not allowed. Coloured hair is not allowed.

Make-up, nail varnish and transfers are not permitted.

The school uniform is agreed and set by the Governors. Governors will meet with parents should there be a dispute about the uniform or where a family shows on-going disregard to the school uniform policy.

Hot and Cold Weather

- Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day as all children will be expected to go outside at lunchtime as part of our Platinum award OPAL play provision. Your child's OPAL play clothes will ensure your child is appropriately dressed, even during rain showers! Please see poster below for more information on OPAL play.
- A sun hat, clearly named, for use during the hot weather will be required. Sun cream can be applied at home before your child comes into school and will last all day.

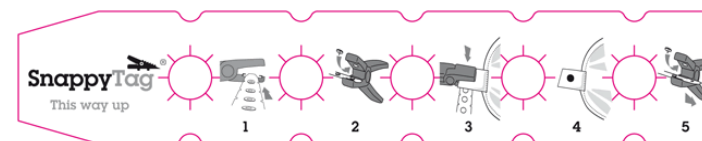


Remember to name **everything**. Basically, if an item of clothing can be taken off then it needs naming!

Please show your child where their name tag is and ensure their name is in lower case letters (except the first letter) so that they can recognise their name.

If you write their name in pen, please remember that it will fade after washing and will need rewriting frequently.

Writing your child's name on the clothing label is quick, but once the item is washed the name fades or smudges. We find that 'iron on' name labels last a little while but over time the adhesive loosens in the wash and the labels fall off. Sew-in tags have historically been the best option as these stay intact. However, it is a time-consuming chore. An alternative option is available!



Snappy Tag is an innovative product which promises to take the hassle out of labelling clothes. It's a one-step application. Just push, click, and the tag is applied. Snappy Tags is similar to a small button and very simple to use. You just tell the supplier what name you want to appear on your tags and they laser etch the name onto the Snappy Tags. Using Permanent EtchRM laser processes they guarantee that the name will not fade or wash off during the laundry process.

Snappy Tags are fast and simple to apply. Just put the tag into the Snappy Applicator and snap it onto the care label. That way everyone knows where to look for the name. Snappy Tags is very secure and can only be taken off using the Snappy Applicator removal tool, meaning that you don't have to keep reapplying names! But you can reuse it on the next garment, making it a very cost-effective way of identifying and labelling clothes. **Just type 'Snappy tags' into your search engine to find the suppliers of this innovative product.**

Lost Property

Please label all your child's belongings clearly; we can then place any items found at the end of the school day in your child's drawer or on their peg. All lost property (i.e. unnamed items) for children in the Reception Classes will be kept on the shelves in the Reception cloakrooms for a week. Items will then be disposed of.



Encourage independence

As well as coaching your child through how to put on and take off his/her school jumper or cardigan, another skill to practise is how to manage his/her wellington boots, school coat and OPAL clothes. Remember you may need to support your child in managing how to do the zip up on his/her coat; if your child struggles with the zip, do an internet search on 'how to teach your child to do a zip up' – there are a few different tips to try to see which one works best for your child and his/her coat.



Support your child in learning how to turn the arms on his/her coat the correct way round if they become 'inside-out' when s/he takes it off. The same applies to his/her jumper/cardigan. Cardigan buttons may be stiff at first – poke a pen through the button holes to loosen them a little.



Forest School



Please **name** your child's wellington boots on the **outside**, so that they can be easily identified.

Boots will be needed for your child's first day in school.

Please place boots on the racks outside our classrooms.



Please ensure your child can put on and take off his/her boots **independently**.



Outdoor Play and Learning

This is how we spend our lunchtimes.

At lunchtime children can access **all** of the grounds **all** of the year. Many of the zones are **muddy** and there is a strong possibility of school uniform getting wet and dirty.

Appropriate clothing is essential. Please ensure all clothing is **named**.

Your child will need to be able to change him/herself, knowing how to put his/her OPAL clothes into a suitably sized bag.

Essential: waterproof coat and wellingtons (your child can use the wellingtons that they keep in school for Forest School).

Strongly recommended: waterproof trousers, a change of school uniform (just in case!), hats and gloves.

