

Dear Parents and Carers,

Preparations are under way for the new academic year therefore I thought this would be a good time to update you on our PE kit list and expectations surrounding uniform. To provide the best possible provision for PE, sport and physical activity it is important that all pupils have the correct St Michael's PE kit. *Please note, any other branded sports wear, football kits, cycling shorts, Nike pro shorts, etc are not permitted for PE lessons or extra curricular activities. It is important that our pupils are wearing a standardised PE kit that is suitable, safe, fit for purpose and equal for all. If your child arrives at their lesson in the incorrect kit a suitable alternative will be provided.*

Please see below the updated PE kit list for September 2024. The majority of PE kit can be purchased from our kit supplier Star Sportswear (information below) either online or instore.

Boys (required kit)

- St Michael's black PE Top
- St Michael's black PE shorts
- St Michael's Tech tracksuit top
- St Michael's black socks or plain unbranded black socks
- A pair of well fitting sports trainers (this should be a different pair than the shoes worn to school)
- A pair of football boots/rugby boots in a named bag.
- Medical tape to cover earrings if they cannot be removed.
- A swimming kit including a towel, swimwear, a hat and goggles

Optional

- St Michael's tracksuit bottoms (called 'black skinny pants' by our provider Star sportswear)

Girls (required kit)

- St Michael's black PE Top
- St Michael's black PE skort or St Michael's black shorts or St Michael's black leggings
- St Michael's Tech tracksuit top
- St Michael's black socks or plain unbranded black socks
- A pair of well fitting sports trainers (this should be a different pair than the shoes worn to school)
- A pair of football boots/rugby boots in a named bag.
- Medical tape to cover earrings if they cannot be removed.
- A swimming kit including a towel, swimwear, a hat and goggles

Optional

- St Michael's Tracksuit bottoms (called 'black skinny pants' by our provider Star sportswear)

Please ensure all items are clearly named with at least your child's first initial and surname so any lost kit can be reunited with them, this includes shoes. Initials can be added to PE kit by our kit supplier Star Sportswear for additional cost. St Michael's School PE kit can be purchased from our sports kit provider Star Sportswear.

Star Sportswear
Unit 5 Yeomans Industrial Estate,
Yeomans Way,
BH8 0BJ (Behind Castlepoint)

<https://starsportswear.co.uk>

01202 522519

01202 523920

Jewellery

Any piercings that cannot be removed must be covered with tape for PE lessons. Keeping a small roll of medical tape in your child's PE bag is suggested. Please note: staff are unable to remove piercings or put earrings back in for your child. Bracelets, rings and necklaces are not permitted in school and should therefore not be worn in PE lessons.

Hygiene

No aerosols are to be used in the changing rooms therefore we ask that any deodorants brought into school are "roll on" rather than spray.

Swimming

Every child will swim for the equivalent of one school term therefore it is essential that they have the correct kit kept in a labelled drawstring bag. Swimming hats can be purchased for £2 via parentmail or you can provide your child with a silicone hat of your choosing. Goggles are highly recommended to allow your child to get the most out of their swimming lessons.

School Uniform Grant

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals then you are eligible to a school uniform grant of £65 every two years. This can be used against any school uniform or PE kit bought. You simply complete the school uniform grant form, attach receipts to the value of £65 and hand it in to the school office. The '*application for school uniform grant*' form can be found on our school website under the 'about us' heading and then the pupil premium option or you can ask the school office for a copy of the form.

Swap shop

We run a swap shop at St Michael's therefore if you have any reusable PE kit that no longer fits your child, it can be exchanged for a different size. To enquire about this, please contact Lisa Bartlett in the school office.

Kind regards,

Tom Manley

Head of PE