

UNIFORM POLICY

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School believes the wearing of school uniform supports effective teaching and learning and encourages positive behaviour and discipline. For that reason, all our pupils wear school uniform.

This policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Encourages identity with and supports the school's ethos
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Ensures pupils of all backgrounds feel welcome
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils
- Is practical and smart and is regarded as suitable wear for school

School Uniform

Items of uniform can be purchased at reasonable cost from many high-street retailers.

Some uniform, with or without logos (*marked in italics below*) may be bought from the school office in term-time – an order form, with prices, is available on the school website.

The school also has a selection of nearly new uniform available from the office each Wednesday during term-time.

Staff will encourage the children to maintain high standards of appearance while wearing school uniform, by reminding them to have their shirts tucked in and top buttons done up, unless advised otherwise by an adult for a certain activity.

All clothing must be labelled and staff cannot be expected to help reunite children with clothing which is not named or is poorly labelled.

Winter and Spring Terms

The winter and spring terms run from Term 2 (after the October half term) until Easter. The winter and spring uniform consists of:

- Short or long-sleeved white shirt, to be worn with a *tie*
- *Green jumper* or *dark green cardigan*
- Grey trousers (regular or tailored, not boot-cut or leggings), grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Black, dark green or grey socks or tights
- Black shoes (not boots)

All children should have a waterproof coat with a hood in school every day. A warm hat and gloves are advised for cold days.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform may be worn from Easter until the end of Term 1 in the autumn, although children are permitted to wear their winter uniform all year round.

The summer uniform consists of:

- Grey shorts or a green and white striped or green and white checked dress
- Dark or white sandals (socks or tights must be worn) as an alternative to black shoes. • Black, dark green or grey tights or black, dark green, grey or white socks

Children should also have a suitable hat to protect their faces and necks in warm weather.

Footwear

Black shoes must be worn in the winter and spring terms. In the summer term, dark or white sandals may be worn instead with tights or socks as detailed above.

Boots, either long or ankle length, are not a suitable alternative to shoes.

Children are not allowed to wear trainers unless they are taking part in a PE lesson or have been requested to do so by their class teacher for a school trip or other activity.

Jewellery

Children may wear a watch and one pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings (one in each ear). The wearing of a single stud and any other jewellery, including facial or other piercings, is not permitted.

Hair, make-up and nail varnish

Make-up, nail varnish and dyed hair is not allowed. Fashion or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. Hair accessories should be discreet and dark in colour, e.g. black, brown or dark green. Oversized hair accessories are not allowed.

PE and After-School Sport Clubs

PE kit is required in school all academic year and must be kept in school during the week in a drawstring bag or small sports bag (these are available to purchase from the school office). A carrier bag is not appropriate as the contents are easily lost.

St Joseph's PE kit should be worn for all PE lessons and after-school sport clubs and consists of:

- *Yellow polo shirt*
- *Green shorts*
- *Green tracksuit jumper*
- *Green tracksuit trousers*
- Sport (not fashion) trainers
- Grey, black, dark green or white socks (tights are not permitted for PE lessons)

Swimming

For swimming sessions, pupils will need to bring their own swimming cap. Pupils without a swimming cap will not be allowed in the pool due to the swimming pool rules.

PE – Hair, Jewellery and Accessories

During PE (and including after-school sport club sessions), long hair must be tied back and watches and earrings must be removed. Earrings must be capable of being removed by the child, who will be responsible for their safekeeping. If earrings cannot be removed, they must be covered with a plaster.

Book Bags

All pupils should have a book bag (available to purchase from the school office) in which they can safely keep their reading book and homework for the journey to and from school.

We strongly recommend that children should not need to bring a rucksack to school as additional items such as pencil cases and PE kit are not required. The school has limited space for rucksacks on pegs or in the classroom. If, however, the necessity for a rucksack is considered essential due to traveling into school or for after school clubs or other activities requiring additional clothing, please ensure that this is as small as possible.

The Role of Parents

Co-operation and firm guidance from parents is sought to ensure that all pupils attend school correctly dressed. Parents are asked to help their children to look smart by naming every item of clothing. Clothing found without a name tag may not be returned to the rightful owner.

Parents must address a note to the class teacher, giving a reason for any uniform that may be missing.

The Role of Staff

The class teacher or headteacher will speak to parents as soon as possible if a child is persistently missing a piece of uniform. The headteacher will consider requests from parents for individual children with religious or medical reasons to vary school uniform.

The Role of Governors

It is the responsibility of the Governing Body to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Associated school policies:

Behaviour & Self-Esteem Policy

Home/School Agreement