



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Uniform Policy and Guidance



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School Uniform Policy

Purpose

Schools are strongly encouraged to have a uniform, as it can play a key role in

- Promoting the ethos of a school
- Providing a sense of belonging and identity
- Setting an appropriate tone for education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for all parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include: age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair, although we reserve the right to ask that long hair be tied back
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school, and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons, or if they are experiencing discomfort
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform, depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with Mrs Walsh (Headteacher) who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniforms.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo attached or be in a unique fabric or style) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers, and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to shop around for the best price.

We will therefore ensure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents and carers

We will do this by:

- Following the statutory limits for compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to a maximum of 3 or fewer.
- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary, and limiting these items where possible by only asking that the items featuring the school logo are optional except for book bags and swimming bags
- Limiting compulsory branded items to low-cost and/or long-lasting items
- Considering cheaper alternatives to compulsory branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this does not compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items such as coats, bags and shoes/trainers that pupils could also wear on non-school days. See more information in section 4.1
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities including (but not limited to) sport, music and drama
- Avoiding requiring different branded items for particular times of the year, such as a branded dress in summer and a branded skirt in winter
- Considering alternative approaches, including loaning compulsory branded items such as sports kit for competitions
- Making sure that opportunities to acquire second-hand items in a timely manner are accessible to parents and carers of both current and prospective pupils, and publishing this information on our website
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications, and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy, and carefully considering any complaints about uniform in line with the school's complaints policy
- Avoiding single-supplier contracts, to make sure generic items can be purchased from a range of retailers
- Continuing to review this policy, to ensure the cost of our uniform is reasonable and provides the best value for money

4.1 Our school's uniform

- The only branded items required are book bags and swimming bags which are purchased at the school
- Both branded items such as jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and for PE t-shirts are optional and generic, unbranded alternatives are also permitted.
- Expectations for generic items are:
 - White polo shirt
 - Navy blue trousers, pinafore or skirt
 - Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Expectations for PE kit and swimming kit
 - White t-shirt
 - Navy blue shorts (shadow stripe style- not cycling shorts) for indoor PE
 - Navy blue tracksuit with no visible logo or brand for outdoor PE
- Summer (optional)
 - Navy shorts
- Shoes/trainers should be plain black without a visible logo or brand.
- The school does not specify a colour for outdoor coats but ask that pupils wear a coat in which they could be visible when it is dark walking to or from school.
- The only branded items a pupil needs are a school logo book bag and when attending school swimming lessons pupils must have a school logo swimming bag. Both can be purchased from the school.

- Expectations for jewellery and hair (see Appendix)– taking into account the requirement described in section 2, to avoid discrimination in line with the Equality Act 2010
- School may also lend out additional items with the school logo such as a kit for sports competitions. If pupils do not wish to wear or are unable to wear a loaned, branded item, school will allow them to wear a suitable alternative.

4.2 Where to purchase or acquire uniform

- Our school uniform without a logo (unbranded items) can be purchased from
 - All high street retailers as per school's uniform requirements
- Our school uniform with or without logo can be purchased from
 - Uniwears- The School Uniform Shop, Harehills Lane, LS9 6AP 0113 2351256 or at <https://www.uniwears.co.uk/>
 - My clothing.com is an internet only site – <https://myclothing.com/> then search for the school name Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School Leeds <https://myclothing.com/collections/corpus-christi-catholic-primary-school-16489/>
- Good quality used uniform can be also be obtained locally
 - Free from St. Philip's Community Food Bank, Osmondthorpe Lane, LS9 9EF.
 - Leeds School Uniform Exchange which also makes it easy for families to pass on good quality school uniform that is no longer needed and, instead of buying new, find items of school uniform for free. <https://leedsuniformexchange.org.uk/>

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact the headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation does not improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the headteacher.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation and the pupil will not miss classroom teaching because of a sanction. This is in line with the statutory [guidance](#).

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers, and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money by avoiding single-supplier contracts.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years by governors. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board or the Pupil Affairs committee.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy

Appendix -School uniform handout

Please keep this leaflet with you or take a photo on your phone so when shopping you have all the necessary information to hand.

Please consult the information below before buying school uniform to ensure that all children have the correct colour uniform items and footwear when they return to school in September.

Bags

These items must have the school logo and are available at the school office.		Packed lunch pupils
Book bag	Swimming bag	
		

Footwear - **NO EXPENSIVE BRANDS**

Pupils are required to wear sensible black shoes or plain black trainer style shoes (**with no visible logo or branding**) as their outdoor shoes. Please ensure that these shoes are appropriate (not slip-ons, high heels or open-toed shoes).

Please note children should not wear shoes with laces unless they are able to tie them independently.

In bad weather, children may wear wellingtons/boots but they should bring a pair of shoes/pumps to school to change into. If your child comes to school in wellingtons in bad weather, please provide a “named peg” to keep them together.

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Correct daily school uniform –school logo items are optional

Uniform – all clearly labelled

- White polo shirt



- Navy school trousers (**not jogging bottoms**), skirt or pinafore



- Navy v neck jumper or cardigan



- Navy tights - **no leggings**

Summer (optional)

- Blue and white gingham summer dress



- Formal navy shorts – **not sports or cycling shorts style**



PE kit (on class PE days)

Indoor PE kit – all labelled

- White t-shirt
- Navy shorts (**shadow stripe style** - **not cycling shorts**)
- Velcro pumps



Outdoor PE kit – all labelled

- **PLAIN** navy tracksuit **with no visible logo or branding**
Available from all retailers
- White t-shirt
- Black trainers **with no visible logo or branding**



Please could you regularly check the condition of your child's pumps to make sure they still fit and that the soles are intact with adequate grip and that the Velcro still sticks.

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2. **Uniwears** The School Uniform Shop, Harehills Lane, LS9 6AP 0113 2351256
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Please be aware uniform items with the school logo are optional but they must be the correct school colour. All clothing **must be the labelled with your child's name** including coats, pumps, hats, scarves and gloves. **Please check regularly that your writing of names has not faded following washing.**

We stress the need **to label your child's uniform** as we are working hard to reduce the amount of lost property across the school and to prevent additional costs to parents. A lost item of clothing is difficult to locate when not labelled.

Hair Styles

Hair styles should be neat and tidy. Children should not come to school with hairstyles that are attention seeking, for example closely shaved hair/shaved patterns including tram lines and patterns etc.

We ask that all long hair is tied back with suitable hair accessories. This is essential for PE and recommended throughout the school day. This policy is followed to minimise the risk of injury and to avoid the spread of head lice.

Jewellery (including earrings)

In the interests of health and safety, **the wearing of jewellery in school is NOT ALLOWED.** The exception to this is that children with pierced ears may wear **simple stud earrings**.

Updated health and safety guidance (May 2026) requires all jewellery including earrings to be removed before PE, swimming and sporting activities. **For PE and swimming, the prevailing policy across UK local councils is that all earrings must be completely removed to prevent severe injury.**

Therefore, parents and carers need to be aware that

- Jewellery including earrings should be removed at home before school on PE days.
- School cannot accept disclaimers or waivers relating to jewellery injuries.
- Piercing ears at the start of the summer holiday is recommended to allow healing time.

Please note

- **Nails should be of a suitable length for school**
- **No nail polish**
- **No false nails (gels or otherwise)**
- **No make-up**
- **No false eyelashes**
- **No tattoos or transfers**

Thank you for your cooperation
and support