

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary

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Uniform and Appearance

Our Lady's approach to maintaining high standards.

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UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

SHIRTS – Red or white polo shirts.

SKIRT - grey only, reasonable length; no shorter than 6 cm above the top of the knee (Grey pinafore).

JUMPERS / CARDIGANS – Red in colour with school badge.

TROUSERS - Tailored mid-dark grey or tailored black trousers. Shorts/ culottes in black or mid dark grey tailored style. Not jeans, not chinos, not cords. No leggings.

TIES – Year 6 to wear a red and navy tie.

SHOES - sensible black shoes. Boots not permitted. Heels must not be high (less than 2.5 cm) on safety grounds (no platforms). No trainers in class/school (except for PE) Canvas pumps are not acceptable or any shoe that resembles a black trainer.

SOCKS - plain red/grey tights in winter or plain white or red knee length socks. No over-the-knee socks or socks worn over the knee.

Under trousers or with shorts plain grey or black socks only.

MAKE-UP - No makeup, no fake tan, no false nails, no nail varnish, no tattoos.

HAIR - Children may only have one natural hair colour. No excessive styles, shaved heads (as a general guide a “Number 3” is the shortest permissible cut), shave lines, steps, mohicans etc.

No coloured hair braids/hair jewellery/hair extensions. No hair gel/wax. For hygiene and/or safety reasons long hair must be tied back with plain bobbles/headband. Headbands should be simple and not large or overly decorative. No other hair accessories may be worn.

It is important to recognise that hair that is tied back will be safer and from a hygiene point of view is best for every child.

JEWELLERY - One pair of plain ear studs (one in each ear lobe). No other items of jewellery or piercings may be worn to school. Our Lady's reserves the right to store items that do not conform to its Uniform Code (eg: jewellery, sports caps). These will be stored safely and will be returned to children/parents at the end of the school day.

WATCHES – Increasingly watches are becoming small computers with a range of functions that are not appropriate for school. We ask that parents/ carers do not send their children in to school with “Smart” watches that can take photographs or receive/ send communications in the school day.

We reserve the right to store watches that we consider could impact on children's safety and or learning.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.) UNIFORM

Children come to school wearing their PE kit on their class PE.

A label with the child's name must be attached clearly to all items.

White t-shirt

Black PE shorts or black cycling shorts – *no skorts for Gymnastics*, or plain black tracksuit bottoms

Children are barefoot for dance/gym in hall – *trainers for outdoor games*

Red hooded sweatshirt top with badge

Trainers

Children must have earrings removed on PE/Sports Days – or be able to remove earrings by themselves if worn. In line with best practice staff cannot place tape over earrings.

Our Lady's is a place for learning.

At Our Lady's we show a very high standard of uniform. This supports our core values to care, learn and respect each other. Uniform gives a sense of belonging and identity to our children. It is an outward sign of the high standards they expect of themselves. We believe that the individuality of our children is reflected in the richness and depth of their characters and personalities not in their clothes or hairstyles. For this reason our school expects all children to wear our uniform correctly and in full.

Parents and staff are expected to ensure our uniform code is adhered to. Our school monitors the quality of children's' uniform continuously and audits the quality of every child's uniform at least annually. In this way we aim to help our young people develop a sense of pride in themselves and a growing self-worth. We all know that first impressions count – by maintaining high standards of uniform we hope to help prepare our children for the high standards at High School and for the world of work and the expectations of future employers.

We are conscious of the financial pressures on families and keep our uniform requirements as practical as possible. If in doubt about our uniform standards please contact your child's class teacher, or the headteacher prior to purchasing any items.

Difficult Times – Community Matters

If you have any concerns about being able to provide the full uniform for your child please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Duffy. School does have access to services and agencies that may be able to support you at this time.

High Quality Pre loved Uniform

We now have a range of quality uniform items in school. We would ask all parents to consider using this service and to contribute items to it.

A selection of items are available daily in the KS2 playground. These can be accessed at the end of each school day. We would be pleased if a contribution of your choosing was made.

Thank you for all your continued support.