



SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

School Uniform Policy

2026–2027 • A simple guide for families

"At SS John and Monica's, we learn through the example of Jesus to love, respect, understand and value each other."

Why we wear uniform

Our uniform helps children feel part of our school family. It promotes equality, pride and belonging, while also making sure children are dressed safely and practically for learning, play and outdoor activities.

Our uniform at a glance



Winter uniform



Summer uniform

Everyday school uniform

- Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or tailored shorts.
- White shirt or blouse with school tie, or yellow polo shirt.
- Green jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Green gingham dress as a summer option.
- Grey, white or black socks/tights.
- Plain, sensible black closed-toe school shoes.

Winter uniform is normally worn from October half-term to February half-term. Summer uniform may be worn from February half-term to October half-term. We will use common sense during unusually hot or cold weather.

Please remember

All uniform, coats, PE kit, bags and water bottles should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for us to return lost items.

Footwear – keeping children safe

Children run, climb, play and use outdoor equipment every day. Safe footwear is therefore an important part of our uniform expectations.

- Wear plain black, sensible, closed-toe school shoes.
- No trainers as everyday school footwear – trainers are for PE or another activity when school specifically asks for them.
- No boots as normal school footwear, including fashion or ankle boots.
- No open-toe sandals, backless shoes, Crocs-style footwear or high heels.
- Shoes should fit securely and have a stable sole so children can run and play safely.

These expectations are for the health and safety of children, particularly when running at playtime and using outdoor play equipment. If different footwear is needed because of a medical condition, disability or another recognised need, please speak to us so an appropriate adjustment can be agreed.

PE kit



PE kit

- Black shorts.
- White or yellow T-shirt.
- White or black pumps for indoor PE where appropriate.
- Suitable trainers for outdoor PE.



Optional school hoodie

- Plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings for outdoor PE in colder weather.
- Plain black sweatshirt/hoodie for outdoor PE; the school-logo hoodie is optional.

Pupils may wear PE kit to school on designated PE days where this is the school's current arrangement. PE clothing should be comfortable, practical and clearly named.

Swimming and Forest School

Swimming

- Swimming costume or trunks, swimming hat where requested, and a towel.

Forest School

- Old trousers and a long-sleeved top.
- Waterproof jacket.
- Wellington boots or other footwear specifically advised by school.

Forest School clothes should be old and suitable for getting wet or muddy. Children attending in the afternoon should bring their named kit in a suitable bag.

Items available to buy from school

Available from the School Office

School ties • Book bags • PE bags • Reusable water bottles • School caps

Please ask the School Office for current prices and availability.

These items are offered for convenience. Where an item is optional, families may use a suitable generic alternative. Parents may also buy generic uniform from supermarkets, high-street shops or other retailers; families are not required to use one particular supplier for generic items.

Keeping uniform affordable

We want our uniform to be affordable and accessible to every family. In line with current Department for Education requirements, we keep compulsory branded items to a minimum and within the legal limit. We also support the reuse of good-quality uniform and make second-hand uniform available to families.

Need help with uniform?

Please contact the Head Teacher or School Office in confidence. We will always try to help. A temporary uniform difficulty should not become a barrier to a child attending school or taking part in school activities.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not normally be worn in school. A single small stud earring in each pierced ear may be permitted. Earrings and other jewellery must be removed for PE, swimming and activities where they could present a risk. Children should be able to remove permitted jewellery themselves.

If an item is worn for religious, cultural, medical or disability-related reasons, please speak to the school so that individual circumstances and safe arrangements can be considered.

Hair and headwear

Hair should be clean, practical and suitable for school. Long hair should be tied back where necessary for safety and hygiene, including during PE, practical activities and active play. Hair accessories should be simple and suitable for school.

We do not permit deliberately extreme styles or colours that are inconsistent with a smart school appearance. The policy will always be applied fairly. Natural hair, protective hairstyles and hair texture will not be treated as inappropriate because of race or ethnicity.



Example of practical religious headwear for primary-school activities

Religious headwear, including hijabs, is welcomed. For safety during active play, PE and practical activities, it should fit securely and should not have long loose sections that could become caught. Plain green, grey, white or black headscarves are encouraged to complement the uniform. We will discuss individual religious or other needs sensitively with families.

Reasonable adjustments and individual needs

We recognise that a standard uniform may not work in exactly the same way for every child. Reasonable adjustments and appropriate flexibility will be considered for disability, medical or sensory needs, religion or belief, and other circumstances protected by law. Please speak to us if your child needs an adjustment.

If uniform is not quite right

Children sometimes arrive without the correct item because something has been lost, damaged, outgrown or is being washed. We will deal with this sensibly and discreetly. Our first response is to work with the child and family to resolve the issue. Where expectations are repeatedly not followed without an agreed reason, the school may address this in line with the Behaviour Policy, taking account of the child's circumstances and our equality duties.

Policy and legal framework

The Governing Body has regard to current Department for Education guidance on school uniform, including statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms and the legal limit on compulsory branded items applying from September 2026. The school also has regard to its duties under the Equality Act 2010 and Human Rights Act 1998, alongside safeguarding, health and safety and attendance responsibilities.

Thank you for helping our children look smart, feel part of our school family and stay safe.

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