



St Joseph's
RCVA Primary Coundon

Uniform Policy

**St Joseph's Primary School,
Coundon**

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Review History			
Date Reviewed	Reviewed by	Approved By	Date Implemented
May 2026	Headteacher	Local Governing Committee / Trust	September 2026
Recent Revisions			
Issue No.	Date	Revisions made	
1	May 2026	To ensure compliance with Government guidelines.	

1. Introduction

St Joseph's School, Coundon is part of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, and the uniform supports the high standards of Trust and the school. At School we believe that a school uniform plays an important role in creating a focused and respectful learning environment. The uniform policy is designed to promote equality, reduce distractions, and instil a sense of pride and belonging among pupils. By wearing the correct uniform, pupils represent not only themselves but also the values of our school. This policy outlines expectations for pupil dress and appearance, ensuring consistency and clarity for all members of the school community.

2. Aims

We believe that a clearly defined school uniform is important to:

- **Promote equality**
To create a sense of fairness and reduce peer pressure by minimising visible economic and social differences among pupils.
- **Encourage a sense of belonging**
To help pupils feel part of the school community and take pride in representing the school.
- **Support a focused learning environment**
To reduce distractions and support a professional atmosphere that is conducive to learning and achievement.
- **Foster discipline and responsibility**

To encourage pupils to take responsibility for their appearance and to understand the importance of following guidelines and expectations.

- **Prepare pupils for the future**

To help pupils develop habits of personal presentation that are important in many workplaces and formal environments.

3. School Uniform

The school uniform requirements are outlined in the table below, along with details regarding which items are optional and which need to be branded. All items of uniform should be labelled with the pupil's full name.

General Uniform -

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Navy Round Neck or V-Neck Jumper (EYFS & KS1)	Required	Branded – Cre8tive
Navy V-neck Jumper (KS2)	Required	Branded – Cre8tive
Navy cardigan (EYFS, KS1, KS2)	Required	Branded – Cre8tive
White Polo Shirt (EYFS & KS1)	Required	Branded – Cre8tive Non-branded – Retailers
White shirt - Short Sleeved or Long Sleeved (KS2)	Required	Non-branded – Retailers
Charcoal Grey Trousers	Required	Non-branded – Retailers
Charcoal Grey Skirt/Pinafore	Optional	Non-branded – Retailers
Blue Checked Dress	Optional – Summer Term	Non-branded – Retailers
Grey Dress Shorts	Optional – Summer Term	Non-branded – Retailers
Red and Navy Tie (KS2)	Required	1 Tie Provided by School Additional - Cre8tive or School Office
Socks	Required	Non-branded – Retailers
Grey Tights	Required	Non-branded – Retailers
Black Shoes	Required	Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls, pumps, or boots.

		Note: Shoes can be purchased from any high-street retailer.
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Outerwear

Item	Information
Outdoor Coats/Waterproofs	There will be reasonable adjustments made during adverse weather conditions. Snow suits and waterproofs will be allowed when there is snow.
Navy School Fleece Navy School Waterproof Jacket	Optional – Crea8tive
Wellington Boots/ Snow Boots	There will be reasonable adjustments made during adverse weather conditions. Boots will be allowed when there is snow.
Sunhats	During hot periods pupils should wear a sunhat and ensure they are adequately covered to avoid sunburn. Branded – Crea8tive Non-Branded – Retailers

PE Kit

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Plain White Polo Shirt/T-Shirt	Required	Branded – Crea8tive Non-Branded – Retailers
Plain Black Shorts	Required	Branded – Crea8tive Non-Branded – Retailers
Black Tracksuit Bottoms	Required	Branded – Crea8tive
Black PE Zip Up Jacket	Required	Branded – Crea8tive

Under **no circumstances**, must pupils wear branded items with logos.

PE Footwear

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Black sandshoes/plimsolls	Optional	Non-Branded – Retailers
Trainers	Required	Non-Branded – Retailers

General Appearance

Hairstyles	Hair should be a natural colour (one colour only). Long hair should be tied back into a ponytail. The school reserves the
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	right to decide that the cut and colour of a pupil's hair is inappropriate. Tramlines, Mohicans and extreme short sides are examples of styles that are deemed inappropriate.
Jewellery	Pupils are permitted to wear one plain stud in each earlobe. No other jewellery (this includes necklaces, bracelets and/or rings) or visible body piercings are allowed.
Make-Up	Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up in school. Pupils are not permitted to wear false, gel or acrylic nails and/or garishly coloured nail varnish. For health and safety reasons nails need to be a sensible length, False eyelashes are not permitted. No fake tan is permitted. School reserves the right to instruct a pupil to remove their make up using remover wipes.
Religious Head Coverings	Pupils may wear religious head coverings or garments (e.g. hijabs, turbans, kippahs) as part of their uniform, provided they are plain black or navy and meet health and safety standards.
School Bag	Branded back packs, drawstring bags and book bags are available to purchase from Cre8tive. Bags brought into school must be of reasonable size without added keyrings and accessories.

4. Ordering School Uniform

Uniform can be ordered from:

<https://cre8iveschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/st-josephs-coundon-catholic-primary-school/>

Or in store at:

Crea8tive Graphics

12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7LF

You can opt to get your uniform delivered to school, home address or store pick up

5. Uniform Assistance and Pre-loved School Uniform

If you require assistance with uniform, please speak to Sarah Harrison (Parent Support Advisor) who will support you with our pre-loved uniform collection.

6. Links to Other Trust and School Policies:

- Behaviour Policy

- Complaints Policy
- Equality Policy
- Health and Safety Policy