



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy

Mission Statement

Following in the footsteps of Jesus; we live, love and learn.

Inclusion Statement

In this school, we are educating our children to:

- know who they are - a special and unique gift from God
- know why they are here - we all have a purpose and responsibility to look after God's world
- work hard and aim high for their future - find and use their God given talents to become everything that God intends them to be

We are a Catholic community, in a modern society, where everyone is equal. As a Catholic School, we strive to reflect the teachings of Christ and live out the Gospel Values in everything that we do. The most loving and merciful Jesus Christ is our role model, and He welcomed everyone. All children are welcome in our school; they and their families become part of our St. Joseph's family. We will love and nurture them, and do our best to help them to become everything that God intends them to be.

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School our values reflect our commitment to a school where there are high expectations of everyone. Children are provided with high quality learning opportunities so that each child attains and achieves all that they are able to. Everyone in our school is important and included. We promote an ethos of care and trust where every member of our school community feels that they truly belong and are valued. We work hard to ensure there are no invisible children here, recognising everyone's uniqueness and success. We recognise learning in all its forms and are committed to nurturing lifelong learners. We are a safe school, committed to improving children's confidence and self-esteem. We know that safe and happy children achieve.

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Statement of Intent

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School we are committed to providing a warm, caring and safe environment for all our children so that they can learn and play in a relaxed and secure environment. In our Christ-centered approach we encourage all our children to follow the Gospel Values of love, kindness, compassion and respect towards everyone.

It is our school policy that all of our children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours (unless otherwise stated). At St Joseph's, we believe that the wearing of our uniform fosters a sense of shared identity and ensures that our children look smart and ready to learn.

A complete list of acceptable items for uniform can be found within this policy.

Aims & principles

Our policy for school uniform and presentation is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Provides a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical, affordable and smart
- Identifies the children within our school
- Promotes peer equality, in terms of appearance
- Removes barriers of fashion and appearance
- Promotes the uniqueness of children, in terms of focusing on talents, gifts and character traits rather than appearance.
- Is designed with Health & Safety in mind

Our School Uniform

We have a school uniform that we wear with pride and we encourage all our children to wear their uniform smartly. Our named supplier is JADA, Eaves Lane, Chorley. All items of uniform must be labelled.

Our uniform is comprised of:

- Royal blue jumper/cardigan bearing our school badge (from our uniform supplier)
- Sky blue polo shirt (available from most supermarkets and uniform suppliers)
- Charcoal/grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore
- Grey/white socks
- Sensible black school shoes
- Blue and white checked dress for summer if desired (Summer Term only)
- Coats should be suitable for cold and wet weather and should be brought to school each day. Royal blue waterproof jackets bearing our school badge can be purchased from our uniform supplier, if desired.

Our PE Kit

We require our pupils to come to school dressed in their PE kit on their designated PE day, which they then wear for the full day. In offering this adjustment, we have been mindful of our children's dignity and comfort.

However, we ask that parents and carers support our children's independence and self-help skills in learning to dress and undress themselves.

Our PE kit consists of:

- Coloured t-shirt (red, blue, green or yellow) bearing our school badge (available from our uniform supplier) *This is based on the house that your child is assigned to on entry to school so please do not purchase until you are sure of this information. All siblings will be placed within the same house colour team.*
- Royal blue school hoody, bearing our school badge (available from our uniform supplier)
- Plain black sports leggings / shorts / joggers (available from most supermarkets and uniform suppliers) N.B. shorts should be no shorter than the length of standard cycling shorts. Very short shorts are not appropriate.
- A suitable pair of black trainers

It is parents/carers responsibility to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct PE kit on their child's designated PE day. Class teachers will keep families updated via Class Dojo throughout the year so that you are aware of which days your child should wear their PE kit.

General notes on appearance and presentation:

Jewellery:

- Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school (watches are not classed as jewellery though smart watches are not allowed)
- If ears are pierced, ONE pair of discreet studs may be worn. LCC policy states that earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves they should not come to school with them in on PE days.
- No other body piercing, i.e. nose piercings are not allowed

Hairstyles:

- Hair should not be 'out of the ordinary', rather a style in-keeping with what is acceptable for school.
- The definition of an 'out of the ordinary' hairstyle is at the discretion of the headteacher based on the aims of this policy and guidance below.
- Hair should be one natural colour, no hair dye.
- The hairstyle should be appropriate for school, hair should not obstruct a pupil's vision.
- Pupils with long hair must have it tied back.
- If a hair-style is causing a distraction for the child, parents should consider changing the style to enable the child to concentrate on learning.
- Boys with shaved hair should have it no shorter than Grade 2.
- Shaved parts should be graduated towards the longer length on top, i.e. no distinct contrast between short and long.
- Tramlines, patterns and sculpting are not allowed.

Students must not wear:

- Hoodies or sportswear unless it is their uniform school hoody.

- Any kind of boots (wellingtons are allowed in wet weather/snow but must be changed when inside the school buildings)
- Leather or denim clothing, including coats and over-wear.
- Trainers are NOT allowed to be worn at any time other than on your child`s designated PE day and for clubs.
- Make up and nail varnish should NOT be worn to school, including transfer tattoos and face paint.

Non-compliance with the uniform and appearance policy:

- Parents of children who do not wear the correct uniform, will be contacted and requested to bring in a change of clothes for their child.
- Children who wear make-up/nail varnish or jewellery will be required to remove these.
- If a hairstyle contravenes the school policy, parents will be informed and asked to make arrangements to change the style.
- Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction which may include exclusion.

Roles and responsibilities

The Governing Body is responsible for setting and approving policies. It is the responsibility of parents and children to adhere to the school policy. The headteacher, supported on a daily basis by the staff, will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.

The headteacher has a duty to enforce the policy throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of our day to day high expectations within school.

The headteacher may apply discretion in some circumstances, e.g. when a child has specific medical needs. Whilst the school would always wish to work with parents to ensure all pupils comply with this policy; in accordance with Department for Education guidance, the school can impose sanctions for your child for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform if they repeatedly ignore this policy.

Monitoring and evaluation of the policy

To ensure this policy is effective, it will be regularly monitored and evaluated.