

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING



ST. URSULA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Uniform and Appearance Policy

*"With God at the heart of our St Ursula's family, we welcome all as we learn
and grow together"*

Autumn 2026

Purpose:

At St. Ursula's Catholic Primary School, we have high expectations in everything we do. This includes personal appearance. Uniform plays an important role in establishing the ethos of a school and at St. Ursula's we believe that our Uniform and Appearance Policy benefits the school in a number of ways:

- It encourages identity with the school and nurtures the notion of community;
- It protects students from social pressures to dress in a particular way;
- It supports discipline and good behaviour and ensures the health and safety of students;
- It instils a sense of pride in the school;

Aim:

- To foster a feeling of belonging to our Catholic school community.
- To ensure that we are an inclusive school and that children feel equal to each other, regardless of financial circumstances or other factors.
- To promote a feeling of pride in pupil's own appearance and in their school.
- To ensure that uniform and P.E kits satisfy the Health and Safety needs of the typical school day.

Branded items:

In England, school uniform policies limit mandatory branded items featuring school logos to a maximum of three. Below is an overview of branded items

Year Group	No of Branded items	Items
Nursery	1	• Red St Ursula's Nursery sweatshirt with logo.
Reception – Year 6	3	• Black Sweatshirt with School Logo • Black Joggers with School Logo • Dri-Fit t-shirt in House Colour

When to wear Winter and Summer Uniform:

Autumn Term 1	Summer or Winter Uniform
Autumn Term 2	Winter Uniform
Spring 1	Winter Uniform
Spring 2	Winter or Summer Uniform
Summer 1	Summer Uniform
Summer 2	Summer uniform
The dates above are weather-dependant and at the Headteacher's discretion. Therefore, exceptions will be made in the event of adverse weather i.e. if it is a particularly cold Autumn 1, all children will be asked to wear Winter uniform.	

Uniform provider:

Our school uniform colour is a combination of red and grey. Most items can be bought from high street shops. Items which have the school logo on, are available for purchase from our supplier Smarty Pants Schoolwear, Brentwood. Parents can order online via the Smarty Pants website; items can be delivered directly to school for collection, posted to your home address, or purchased in person at the shop.

Shop address:

Unit 1 Chancery gate, 33 Tallon Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM13 1TE.

For full ranges and to place orders please visit:

www.smartypantsschoolwear.com/primaryschools

What to wear:

Nursery Uniform
Winter
• Red St Ursula's Nursery sweatshirt with Logo. • White polo shirt. • Black jogging bottoms. • Plain black trainers with Velcro fastenings (no laces).
Summer
• Red St Ursula's sweatshirt. • White St Ursula's polo shirt. • Red pull-up shorts. • Plain black trainers with Velcro fastenings (no laces).

Reception & Key Stage 1
Winter
• Long grey trousers or grey pinafore (not skirts) • White shirt or White blouse • School tie • Red pullover or red cardigan • Grey, black or red tights or socks • Black leather-type shoes (Velcro fastenings for Reception children — no trainers)
• Smart black or grey ankle boots (flat, no heel) are acceptable in winter; Reception boots should not have laces. • If children wear walking boots or wellies to school in very wet/cold weather, they must bring school shoes to change into while inside.
Summer
• Grey school shorts with white Polo • Red gingham school summer dress (one-piece — no separate skirt & top; no skorts) • Red pullover or Cardigan • Black leather-type shoes • Grey or black socks (when wearing shorts) • White socks (When wearing summer dress - no tights with summer dresses)

Key Stage 2

Winter

- Long grey trousers, grey pinafore or grey skirt
- White shirt or white blouse
- School tie
- Red pullover or red cardigan
- Grey and black socks (When wearing trousers)
- Black leather-type shoes (No trainers)

Summer

- Grey school shorts with white polo shirt
- Red gingham school summer dress or grey skirt and white Polo (no skorts)
- Red pullover or cardigan
- Black leather-type shoes
- Grey or black socks (When wearing shorts)
- White socks (When wearing summer dress or grey skirt -no tights with summer dresses and grey skirt)

PE Kit (Reception – Year 6)

- Black Sweatshirt with School Logo
- Black Joggers with School Logo
- Dri-Fit t-shirt in House colour (Your child will be assigned their house colour when they first start at St Ursula's.) (Cotton alternative is available for pupils with sensitive skin)
- Black shorts - Summer Term (No legging material shorts, no cycling shorts and no hot pants)
- Swimming hat (Year 5 & 6 only)
- Cycle helmets - Cycle helmets are to be worn when using a scooter or bicycle to travel to and from school.

Sweatshirts, joggers and t-shirts must carry the school logo and should be purchased from SmartyPants Schoolwear.

Outdoor Coats

- Coats should be of suitable style for cold and wet weather, preferably with a hood.
- Bright colours or coats with reflective strips are preferred to ensure that children are clearly visible.
- Warm, red waterproof coats are available to purchase online through our uniform stockists, however this is not compulsory.

Footwear

- Smart black/grey ankle boots may be worn in winter. (Boots must not have a heel. No boots with laces for Reception children)
- In times of severe cold / wet weather, walking boots or wellington boots may be worn to school, and for outdoor use at break and lunch, but children must have their school shoes with them to change into whilst inside the school building if ankle boots are not worn.
- Nursery: Trainers with Velcro fastenings may be worn.
- Reception to Year 6: Trainers may only be worn with PE uniform. (Children in Reception may only wear trainers with Velcro fastenings).

Hair and Appearance

- Hairstyles should be sensible for school with no colour, additives or shaved patterns.
- Long hair should be kept neat, tidy and tied back for safety reasons.
- Hair accessories should be small and should be red or white.
- No colourful braids, multi coloured beads or hair extensions are permitted.

Jewellery & Watches

- Jewellery is not allowed to be worn by boys and girls in our school. However, small wrist watches may be worn by children from Year 2 upwards. Smart watches and Fitbits are not permitted.
- Earrings are NOT allowed to be worn by children at any time for Health & Safety reasons. Kindly ensure that if you decide to have your child's ears pierced this is undertaken on the first day of the Summer Holiday to ensure that no earrings are worn when your child returns to school in September.

Make-Up and Nails

- Make-up is not permitted.
- For safety reasons, false nails or nail extensions are not appropriate in school and not allowed.
- Nail varnish, French manicure or nail decoration of any kind is not allowed.

Book Bags/Rucksacks

- Children in EYFS and KS1 should only be coming to school with red book bags. These are used to store their reading books, reading records and any letters from school. This also ensures that there is adequate space in the cloakroom area for everyone to store their coats and book bags.
- Children in KS2 should only be coming into school with a small rucksack – with enough room for their reading books, reading records and homework. Large bags are not allowed and are not necessary.

Lost items

Whilst every care is taken to ensure that children do not lose items of clothing, or other equipment, we cannot accept responsibility for any loss. Please ensure that all items of children's clothing are clearly marked with their names so that items that are found can easily be returned to their owners.

Nearly new' uniform shop

Our 'nearly new' uniform shop runs termly, this allows parents to purchase uniform at a significantly reduced rate. All uniform is quality-checked and is in very good condition.

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 sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the school, so we can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

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 on the cost of school uniform.

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

We will make sure our uniform:

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

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher and Governing Body and will be electronically signed via our Governor Hub,

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.