

School Uniform Policy

“The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are one; we are strongest working together in unity.”

1 Corinthians 12:14



OUR MISSION

The peace, joy and love of Christ is at the heart of all that we do in our school. Through religious education, school policy and, primarily, our culture of prayerfulness, charity, and joy, we seek to share the Gospel with our families, our parish, our community, and the wider world.

Using the example of Jesus Christ, we cultivate the skills of heart and mind that allow us to develop our talents and take a shared responsibility for ourselves, each other, and the world He gave us. We profess our faith proudly and recognise that we are called to a loving relationship with God through the sacraments, scripture, and prayer.

Our school is animated by love and our shared faith and clear STRIVE values drive our behaviour, relationships, and learning; we are tolerant and respectful of the unique value of each person. Our individual needs and talents are recognised and nurtured in a warm, inclusive environment where we can use our gifts for the glory of God and in loving service of others.

We have excellent role models who empower us to believe in ourselves and provide us with an outstanding education and a wide range of opportunities – our aspirations for the future are high and we believe that through God’s grace we can grow, learn, and realise our full potential.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

PRINCIPLES

At The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary school, we pride ourselves in looking smart by wearing our school uniform. Wearing uniform promotes a sense of community within the school and allows children to demonstrate their pride in their school, both within school and when they are out in the local community.

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- Reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

UNIFORM DETAIL

All children (Reception – Year 6) need:

- Tartan skirt with black socks/tights or black trousers / shorts with black socks
- white shirt and school tie
- jumper/cardigan with school logo
- black shorts / tracksuit bottoms for PE
- white t-shirt for PE
- black school pumps
- PE hoodie (optional)
- school book bag
- yellow gingham summer dress (summer term, optional)

FOOTWEAR

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers inside school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor, they will be asked to change into their pumps whilst inside the school building.

TRAINERS

For playtimes and lunchtimes, children can change into outdoor trainers however they must be able to independently change their footwear during the break period. If children come to school wearing trainers, they will be asked to change into a pair of pumps (except on PE days if wearing PE kit)

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- Children are encouraged to wear a digital / analogue watch (wrist worn smart devices are not permitted)

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

MAKE UP AND NAIL VARNISH

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Children will be asked to remove make up by washing their face. If nail varnish is not removed at home, school will provide nail varnish remover.

HAIR

We insist that long hair is tied back if the hair touches the shoulders or is longer. Only plain hair accessories are worn in school colours. The only headbands that may be worn are plain fabric ones.

There should be no extremes of hairstyles. Shaved hair should be a minimum of number 3 and 'tramlines' are not acceptable. Parents of any child that has a haircut that we feel is extreme will be asked to amend their hair cut at the earliest convenience. We respectfully request that children who have a long fringe wear a hair band to allow them to see clearly when engaged in learning activities.

For swimming all long hair should be tied back and children must wear a swimming cap.

WATER

Children are encouraged to drink plain water throughout the school day. Research suggests children should aim to hydrate with plain, natural drinks that are unsweetened and free from additives. Also adequately hydrated children may perform better in school.

LABELLING

All clothing and bags should be clearly labelled with your child's full name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their

child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

THE ROLE OF THE CLASS TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Change for PE into appropriate kit to model good practice.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children/parents who do not wear the correct uniform. If they continue to wear incorrect uniform, they will be referred to the Headteacher.

THE ROLE OF THE HEADTEACHER

The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body. The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school. The Headteacher will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform. The school will follow the DfE guidelines where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

EQUALITIES

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.



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The implementation of this policy will be monitored by the Headteacher in consultation with SLT.

Approved by: _____ (Headteacher)

Date: _____

Approved by: _____ (Governor)

Date: _____