

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Uniform & Appearance Policy



‘Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, loving and serving together’

The Governing Body aims to ensure that during their time at St Joseph's the attention and energy of pupils are directed towards their academic and personal development. The Governing Body believes that the wearing of school uniform supports effective teaching and learning, and encourages positive behaviour and discipline. All children at Saint Joseph's wear school uniform.

Aims & Objectives

This policy is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Encourages identity with and support for the school's ethos
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils
- Is practical and smart and is regarded as suitable wear for school
- Is considered by parents as good value for money

School Uniform

Items of uniform can be purchased at reasonable cost from many high street retailers, or from the school office. The school also has a large selection of nearly new uniform available.

The uniform consists of:

Boys

Short or long sleeved white shirt, to be worn with a tie

Green jumper

Grey trousers

Black shoes

Grey or black socks

During the summer term grey shorts may be worn with sandals. Socks must be worn at all times.

Girls

White shirt with tie
Dark green cardigan
Grey skirt or pinafore dress
Black, dark green or grey tights or white socks
Black shoes

During the summer term a green and white striped or checked dress may be worn with sandals. Socks (or tights) must be worn at all times.

All children should have a waterproof coat with a hood in school every day.

No children are allowed to wear trainers unless they are taking part in a PE lesson. This type of footwear is appropriate only for sports, PE or leisurewear and is not in keeping with the smart appearance of the school's uniform.

Children may wear a watch and one pair of small plain gold stud earrings (only one in each ear). The wearing of a single stud and any other jewellery, including facial or other piercings, is not permitted.

Nail varnish and dyed hair is not allowed and fashion or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. Hair accessories should be dark in colour, e.g. black, brown or dark green.

PE Kit

For PE all children will need a yellow polo shirt and green shorts with training shoes for outdoor games. A tracksuit in the school colour will also be required. Spare socks should be brought to change into and girls will not be allowed to take part wearing tights. For swimming sessions a swimming cap should be worn; this will avoid children returning to school with wet hair.

All pupils will require trainers for PE lessons.

During PE, including after school games sessions, long hair must be tied back and watches and earrings must be removed. Earrings must be capable of being removed by the child, who will be responsible for their safekeeping. If earrings cannot be removed they must be covered with tape or a plaster.

PE kit must be kept in school during the week in a drawstring bag or small sports bag. A carrier bag is not appropriate as the contents are easily lost.

Book Bags

Children are encouraged to purchase a book bag in which they can safely keep their reading book and homework for the journey to and from school.

The Role of Parents

Co-operation and firm guidance from parents is sought to ensure that all pupils attend school correctly dressed. Parents are asked to help their children to look smart by naming every item of clothing. It is impossible to return school uniform to its rightful owners if it is not clearly labelled.

The Role of Governors

It is the responsibility of the Governing Body to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The Governing Body will consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

Other Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with other school policies, namely

Behaviour & Self-Esteem Policy
Home/School Agreement

Arrangements for Monitoring and Evaluation

The Learning and Standards Committee of the Governing Body will monitor the impact of this policy annually.

This Policy was reviewed by the Learning and Standards Committee at its meeting on 19th November 2013, and was approved and readopted by the Governing Body on 5th December 2013. It was further revised and approved on 20th January 2014.