

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 the attention and energy of pupils at St Joseph's is 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 supports 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 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

School Uniform

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

Staff will encourage the children to maintain high standards of appearance with regard to their uniform, by reminding them to have their shirts tucked in and top buttons done up, unless advised otherwise by an adult for a certain activity.

Winter and Spring Terms

The winter and spring terms run from September 1st until Easter.

The winter and spring uniform consists of:

- Short or long-sleeved white shirt, to be worn with a tie
- Green jumper or dark green cardigan
- Grey trousers (regular or tailored, not boot-cut or leggings), grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Black, dark green or grey socks or tights
- Black shoes (not boots)

All children should have a waterproof coat with a hood in school every day. A warm hat and gloves are advised for cold days also. This may be required in the summer term also dependent on the weather.

Summer Term Uniform

The summer term runs from Easter until the end of the academic year.

During the summer term, pupils are permitted to wear either their winter/spring uniform or summer uniform.

The summer uniform consists of:

- Grey shorts or a green and white striped or green and white checked dress
- Dark or white sandals (socks or tights must be worn)
- Black, dark green or grey tights or black, dark green, grey or white socks

Footwear

Black shoes must be worn at all times in winter and spring terms. In summer term, black shoes are still acceptable, or dark or white sandals may be worn with tights or socks as detailed above.

Boots, either long or ankle length, are not a suitable alternative to shoes.

Children are not allowed to wear trainers unless they are taking part in a PE lesson or have been instructed to do so by their class teacher for a school trip or other activity.

Jewellery

Children may wear a watch and one pair of small plain gold or silver 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.

Other Accessories

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

PE and After-School Sport Clubs

PE kit is required in school all academic year and must be kept in school during the week in a drawstring bag or small sports bag (these are available to purchase from the school office). A carrier bag is not appropriate as the contents are easily lost.

St Joseph's PE kit should be worn for all PE lessons and after-school sport clubs and consists of:

- Yellow polo shirt
- Green shorts
- Green tracksuit jumper
- Green tracksuit trousers
- Sport (not fashion) trainers
- Grey, black, dark green or white socks (tights are not permitted for PE lessons)

Swimming

For swimming sessions, pupils will need to bring their own swimming costume, a towel and a swimming cap. Pupils without a swimming cap will not be allowed in the pool due to the swimming pool rules.

PE – Hair, Jewellery and Accessories

During PE (and including after-school sport club 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 a plaster.

Book Bags

All pupils should have a book bag (available to purchase from the school office) 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. Clothing that is found without a name tag may not be returned to the rightful owner.

Parents must address a note to the class teacher, giving a reason for any uniform that may be missing.

The Role of Staff

The class teacher (or headteacher) will speak to parents as soon as possible if a child is persistently missing a piece of uniform. The school office has new and nearly-new uniform for sale each Wednesday in term time if uniform requires replacing.

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 adopted by the Learning and Standards Committee at its meeting on 19 November 2013. It was reviewed and approved by the Governing Body on 14 February 2019.

Approved by the Full Governing Body on 14th February 2019