

SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



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UNIFORM POLICY

APPROVED BY
THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY
JUNE 2023 – JUNE 2024

REVIEW DATE – JUNE 2024



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website. (See Appendix 1).

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school except for stud earrings in pierced ears and exceptions noted in our full statement. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. Please see Appendix 2 for the school's full statement on the wearing of jewellery.

4. EXTREME HAIR CUTS

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. The school strongly advises parents to discuss the issue with the Head Teacher prior to any cut/treatment.

5. FOOTWEAR

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list (Appendix 1).

6. PE Kit

Every child has two hours of PE per week on two different days. Your child is to wear PE kit for the whole day. This limits lost property, loss of learning time through changing and reduces wear and tear and washing needs.

7. 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. Parents should 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 Head Teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head Teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

8. THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

9. MONITORING AND REVIEW

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the Governing Body will:

- consider with the Head Teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the Head Teacher to report to the Governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Review Date June 2024

Signed by  Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors

APPENDIX 1 – SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

White polo shirt with school logo (optional) or plain white polo shirt.
Maroon sweatshirt / cardigan with school logo
Grey skirt, grey pinafore or grey school trousers ('jean' or 'combat' style are not acceptable)
White / grey socks OR grey tights
Black shoes (*see note below*)

Summer dress (maroon/red checked) (*Summer Term & First half of Autumn Term*) Socks and **NOT** tights should be worn with the summer dress

Year Six Only

White shirt (long or short sleeved)
Maroon V-neck sweatshirt / cardigan with school
Logo, striped school tie
Grey skirt or grey school trousers ('jean' or 'combat' style are not acceptable)
White / grey socks OR grey tights
Black shoes (*see note below*)

Personalised leavers hoodies can be worn for PE in Term 3

Please note that children are **NOT** allowed to wear trainers except on Physical Education days. Our school uniform does not include **boots** of any description. For safety reasons, shoes should be well fitting so that they do not slip off and should be flat-soled (shoes with wheels fitted into the heel are not allowed).

Hair Accessories

Long hair **MUST** be tied back for health and safety reasons. Patterns cut into hair (tramlines) are not permitted. If in doubt, please check with the Head Teacher before having a cut/treatment. Any hairstyle or dress which may cause excessive comment will not be allowed. Hair ornaments must be modest in size and in school colours only. Nail varnish or other make up should not be worn.

Jewellery is not permitted; however, small stud earrings for pierced ears are acceptable.

PE Uniform

Plain maroon shorts, white t-shirt with school logo or plain round neck white t-shirt, black plimsolls or trainers for outdoors. In winter months, pupils should also have black non-logo tracksuit bottoms (not leggings) and school logo hoodie.

For swimming, children should wear a one-piece swimming costume or trunks (and not loose-fitting shorts).

No jewellery, including earrings should be worn during PE times. (See Appendix 2)

School Bags

In KS1 and Reception children need to bring a Sacred Heart logo book bag or a small bag (A3 sized) every day.

In KS2 children can bring a small bag (A3 sized) to school, large and trolley bags are unnecessary and not permitted.

Forest School

When your child has a Forest School session, old clothes can be worn for the whole day. Trainers can be worn, and wellington boots brought in a bag in case of wet weather.

PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND BELONGINGS.

Many items of school uniform may be ordered directly on the website using the school's providers. In cases of hardship, parents are asked to contact the Head Teacher on a confidential basis. The school also seeks opportunities to arrange sales of second-hand uniform items, via FOSHA, wherever possible.

APPENDIX 2 – SCHOOL STATEMENT ON THE WEARING OF JEWELLERY

There is much discussion both locally and nationally concerning the wearing of jewellery by children at school, particularly in PE lessons. All local primary schools have agreed on a policy on the wearing of jewellery in schools.

Physical Education is part of the National Curriculum and as such all children must take part in PE unless they are not able to do so because of illness or infirmity. It is the policy of our school, in accordance with advice from the Local Education Authority, that, in the interests of the health and safety of all pupils, the wearing of jewellery in PE lessons shall be forbidden, except where there is a recognized religious or cultural requirement that a particular item of jewellery shall be worn at all times. It must then be covered in an appropriate and safe way. A small watch is permitted outside of the PE lesson during the school day.

Pupils wearing other jewellery, including Meditation crosses, will be required to remove it before the PE lesson. Teachers may not remove or replace jewellery. The class teacher will provide a place to keep the jewellery during the lesson and will make every effort to ensure that it is stored securely, but will not be responsible for its safety. Where a child is too young or otherwise incapable of removing and replacing their own jewellery, parents should ensure that the jewellery is not worn on those days when PE is on the timetable.

Although the above relates specifically to PE lessons, it is obvious that children play with great energy at playtimes in the playground and consequently there may be similar risks during these times. In the case of earrings, one stud earring in each ear may be worn. Hooped earrings should **not** be worn. We do not allow children to wear jewellery to school except for the exceptions in this statement.

