

School Uniform Policy

Mission Statement

Jesus light our way on our faith journey.
Be our guide, our joy and our hope, as we learn, live, love and pray together

1 Introduction

1.1 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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 School uniform

3.1 All children are required to wear uniform.

Boys

- Plain grey/black Trousers
- Red Polo Shirt with school logo
- Red Sweatshirt with school logo
- Sensible black shoes (Not boots or trainers)

Girls

- Plain grey/black skirt, trousers or pinafore dress
- White Blouse with school logo
- Red Cardigan with school logo
- Sensible, flat black shoes (Not boots or trainers)
- Plain grey/black tights or plain white/grey socks

During the summer, girls may wear summer dresses of red gingham.

Children are not allowed to wear leggings or jeans including the wearing of leggings under dresses or skirts.

Red Cardigans, sweatshirts, polo shirts and girls' school blouses featuring the school logo are only available to buy from Gogna Schoolwear. You can buy online from www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk or from their shop at 67/69 Rookery Road, Birmingham, B21 9QU.

School book bags, PE bags and coats with the logo on and other items of uniform are also available from Gogna Schoolwear.

4 Jewellery

4.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is one pair of earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury.

Inexpensive analogue watches may be worn in Key Stage 2. However, Smart Watches and watches that could be disruptive in class must not be worn for school.

5 Extreme haircuts

5.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or detract from the formality of the school. E.g. children should not have tram lines, patterns, skin fades or logos shaved into their hair or excessively short (beyond a grade 2), or unnaturally coloured. The back and sides must be blended with the top, to avoid an extreme 'step' or contrast. The school does not permit any unnatural, artificial colours and exaggerated, gelled or shaved designs like "Mohicans".

6 Headwear

6.1 All headwear needs to be appropriate for school, i.e. headbands, bobbles, ribbons, "scrunchies" and hair slides are only to be worn where hair needs to be tied back. These items should be in line with school colours only, i.e. red or white and of a sensible size, no large flowers on headbands, no oversized bows and no beads in the hair of any kind.

We advise children with long hair to always have their hair tied back (to prevent the spread of head-lice) and away from their eyes in order that they can see clearly at all times.

Hats are permitted to be worn outside at break times, these must be appropriate for school (no inappropriate logos or words.)

7 Footwear

7.1 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, or shoes with open toes such as sandals, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to 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. Children are not permitted to wear boots of any description to school. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

8 PE

- 8.1 All children need black shorts, a white T-shirt and a pair of pumps for their P.E. lessons. During winter months, children may bring a tracksuit to wear for outdoor PE lessons.
- 8.2 All children from Year 3 upward will go swimming at some time during the school year. They will need a full piece swimming costume or trunks and a towel, carried in a waterproof bag. These must be appropriate, either trunks or a bathing costume, no bikinis are permitted.

9 The role of parents

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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, 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.

Any parent/carer experiencing difficulty in meeting the required standard of uniform is invited to contact the Head Teacher in confidence for support.

10 The role of governors

- 10.1 The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 10.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 10.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

11 Monitoring and review

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

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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