

Uniform Policy



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Catholic Multi Academy Trust



Love One Another as I have Loved You – John 13:34

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Introduction

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

Aims

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
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- 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.

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (logoed from the school uniform provider or plain)
- Pale blue polo shirt (logoed from the school uniform provider or plain)
- Plain grey, black or navy tailored trousers – no jeans / leggings / skinny fit / fashion trousers
- Plain grey, black or navy school skirt
- Plain grey, black or navy pinafore dress
- Plain grey, black or navy tights
- Black, plain, flat, leather or leather-look shoes or boots
- Reading folder (can be purchased from the school uniform provider)
- Water bottle – labelled
- A school logoed fleece may be purchased from the school uniform provider for outerwear only – the fleece is not a substitute for a sweatshirt or cardigan

Summer Options

- Plain grey, black or navy tailored shorts
- Blue gingham dress
- A cap to protect from the sun

PE Kit

- Plain house coloured t-shirt
- Plain Black Shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings
- Trainers
- School sweatshirt or cardigan only (no hoodys or tracksuit jackets)

Parents can purchase uniform via the school's uniform provider.

<https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-sacred-heart-primary/>

Parents can also obtain uniform via the school's occasional Uniform Swap Shop

If parents and carers find it difficult to obtain any item, please contact the school.

Lost property is stored in the hall entrance and is displayed and then donated each term.

Jewellery

Pupils should not wear jewellery to school

Should a pupil have pierced ears, only studs should be worn (no hoops or drop earrings), and in order to comply with health and safety regulations, must be taken out by the pupil for all PE activities. Plasters cannot be worn to cover earrings.

We recommended new ear piercings take place at the beginning of the summer holidays so that they have time to heal before needing to be removed for PE.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Watches

Watches may be worn to school, apart from smartwatches which have the capability to make calls, take photos etc.

Watches must be removed before any PE lesson. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost.

Make Up

Make up, nail varnish or any form of tattoos should not be worn.

Equipment

- No stationery is to be brought into school; this is provided by school. A standard size, soft pencil case may be brought to school
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Head teacher
- No medicine should be brought to school by a child. Parents need to take all medicines to the school office and fill in a form
- No toys may be brought from home
- No inappropriate books, videos or magazines
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose

Hair

Long hair must be tied back at all times.

Non-Compliance with the Uniform Policy

If children cannot comply with the uniform policy for a short-term reason, e.g. shoes are damaged, parents are expected to communicate this to the school via the class teacher. If children are noticed not complying with the uniform policy and no reason has been given, then a reminder letter will be sent to parents. If after a reasonable period of time (usually a week), the child is still not in uniform, the learning mentor will contact families to offer support.

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- Follow the school's procedures when a pupil doesn't comply with the school's uniform policy.
- Set a good example in terms of dress

Role of the Head Teacher

- Ensure all stakeholders are aware and understand the uniform policy
- The Headteacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy
- The school will follow the DfE guidelines.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances, e.g. non-uniform day
- To label all items of uniform with their child's name
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the headteacher and/or the governing body following the school's complaints procedure.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

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 equality policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Sacred Heart School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work towards achieving their full potential.