

# St John's Catholic Primary School



## UNIFORM POLICY

*"Christ is the Centre of our School Community where we live, love and learn together"*

### **Introduction:**

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 for each key stage in our school admissions pack and on our school website:**  
<https://www.stjohnskirkdale.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=236>

### **Aims and objectives:**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the principle 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.

### **Jewellery:**

On health and safety grounds, the governing body has decided that, without exception, rings, jewellery, earrings, or studs are not allowed in school, only the wearing of a wrist watch.

**Extreme haircuts:**

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or cause offence.

**Footwear:**

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, high heels or open toe sandals, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school as we think this footwear is appropriate for sport or leisure, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform, we require all children to wear shoes appropriate for school.

**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. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and presentable.

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.

**The role of governors:**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

**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 headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

**Cost and Availability**

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, St John's Catholic Primary School ensures that the School Uniform Policy does not discourage parents/carers from applying for a place for their child.

St John's Catholic Primary School is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money with regards to School Uniform.

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniform is affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school works with multiple suppliers to obtain the best value for money. Any savings negotiated are passed to parents where possible.

The school does not enter into exclusive single supplier contracts or cash-back arrangements. The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms.

Where changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

St John's Catholic Primary School and the Parish Church hold regular 'pre-loved' uniform sales throughout the academic year, which enable parents / carers to purchase good quality, clean uniforms at affordable prices.

**If any parents / carers have any difficulties financing school uniform, then please contact the school office in confidence for support and guidance.**