



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy

St Cuthbert's Mission Statement

God made us all unique
To learn, live and grow
To show care, concern and friendship
To be the best we can
Showing Christ's love in all we do.

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 believe that the wearing of our school uniform is a vital aspect of being a fully committed member of our school community which supports our ethos and the high expectations we have in all areas of school life.

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;
- fosters 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 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is the wearing of a watch or discrete stud earrings. We ask the children to remove watches and studs during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury to themselves or others. (Would parents considering having their child's ears pierced please do so at the start of a long holiday to avoid any difficulties in removing earrings.) These rules are set for the safety of all pupils. Children need to be able to remove and replace their own earrings.

4 Extreme hairstyles

4.1 Hair colour and style should be smart and appropriate for school. The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts/hairstyles. We define extreme haircuts as hair which is too short (where the child's scalp is visible or less than a Grade 2) or has designs shaved into it with a shaver. We define extreme hairstyles as excessive spiking and gelling of hair, colouring of hair or having false extensions. Elaborate hairbands and slides are also discouraged. Long hair (both boys and girls) should be tied back, away from the face, at all times.

5 Footwear

5.1 We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, strappy open-toed sandals, sling backs or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We require all children to wear sensible, smart footwear, which are preferably black.

6 The role of parents

6.1 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.

7 The role of Governors

7.1 The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It liaises with the Head Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

8 Monitoring and review

8.1 The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- 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.

9 Adhering to the Uniform Policy

It is important for parents/carers and children to recognise that our school Behaviour Management Policy covers compliance with all of the school rules and regulations at St Cuthbert's including:

- the wearing of school uniform.
- Adhering to the School Uniform Policy.

This means that the rewards and sanctions used in school will be applied consistently because breaches of our Uniform Policy are considered a breach of our school Behaviour Management Policy.

This policy should be read in conjunction with other school policies which include:

- Behaviour Management
- Equal opportunities
- Anti-bullying
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding and Child Protection

10 School Uniform Details

10.1 School uniform is available from most department stores and the school sweatshirts / polo shirts / cardigans / fleeces/bags/hats are available from school. An order form will be forwarded to parents at the beginning of each term.

Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pale blue polo shirt• Royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt• Grey trousers, either long or short• Grey skirt/pinafore dress
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pale blue polo shirt• Grey trousers or shorts• Blue gingham dress
P.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy blue/black shorts or navy blue/black jogging bottoms• White t-shirt• Navy blue/black sweatshirts/jackets• Black plimsolls or trainers
Please note	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Socks/tights should be grey, black or white• Shoes should be black• If trainers are worn, they must be plain black• Indoor plimsolls (not slippers) are needed for indoors (outside shoes are not allowed in classrooms)• All clothing must be clearly marked with the owner's name. The school will not take any responsibility for any garment that is not clearly marked.