



ST CATHERINE'S CE SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Introduction

At St Catherine's CE School 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.

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.

The Role of Parents / Carers

We ask all parents / carers who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents / carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents / carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent / carer 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 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.

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.

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The Role of Governors (Cont'd)

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.

Monitoring and Review

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

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- 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 the policy is being implemented.

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

Please note that September 2017 – July 2018 is a transition year where we move from our old green and yellow uniform to our new uniform.

The new uniform is compulsory for reception children. For all other year groups parents and carers may choose to either move to the new uniform or wait another year in order to get the best wear out of uniform they already have.

From September 2018 the new uniform will be compulsory for all.



UNIFORM LIST

GIRLS

- Plum v neck jumper with School Logo / Plum Cardigan with School Logo
- White shirt (long or short sleeves)
- School tie
- Plum tartan kilt or skirt / Dark Grey Pinafore Dress / Dark Grey School Trousers (no culottes)
- Purple/lilac Summer Dress
- Black School Shoes
- White Socks / Grey Tights

BOYS

- Plum v neck jumper with School Logo
- White shirt (long or short sleeves)
- School tie
- Dark Grey School Trousers / Dark Grey School Shorts
- Black or Dark Grey Socks
- Black School Shoes

NURSERY CHILDREN: as above with the exception of a plain white polo top instead of shirt and tie

PE KIT (GIRLS & BOYS)

- Black PE Shorts and Purple PE T-Shirt with School Logo
- Trainers for Outdoor PE and Black Pumps for Indoor PE
- PE Bag in which to keep all clothing together
- A Warm Tracksuit for Outdoor Use

Additional Uniform Items (Optional)

- Purple Showerproof Fleece Jacket with School Logo
- Purple Fleece Jacket with School Logo
- Purple Book Bag

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is that children with pierced ears may wear one pair (or one single) of gold, silver, yellow or green stud earrings (no hoops).

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or is un-natural in colour or cut. We request that children with long hair have it tied back during school hours for health and safety reasons. Hair accessories, eg, hair bands and bobbles should reflect the school colours or be neutral. Parents should also be aware that tattoos and nail polish are not permitted.

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.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING
ARE CLEARLY NAMED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**

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