

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Uniform Policy

2023

Introduction

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, it is our policy that all children wear a uniform when attending school or when participating in school-organised events outside of normal school hours. Our policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school and develops a sense of community and belonging;
- Ensures that children of all races, religions and backgrounds feel welcome;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out-of-school educational activities and visits;
- Allows all children to feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Does not cause a distraction during the school day;
- Has a positive impact on the behaviour of children in school.

The DfE's non-statutory guidance on school uniforms (2013) supports these beliefs and strongly encourages schools to have a uniform. By allowing their child to attend St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, parents/carers are expected to support the school uniform policy.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. School advises that all items of uniform, PE kit and any other items (e.g. wellies, coats, bags) should be clearly marked with the child's name and class. If a parent/carer would like to modify the school uniform policy for their child, for example on religious grounds, they should make representation to the Head Teacher. School will look sympathetically at such requests.

School Uniform

The school uniform at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is as follows:

- Red sweater, jumper or cardigan – branded with school logo or plain;
- Grey or black trousers/skirt (shorts with no cargo pockets may be worn in the summer term);
- White or red shirt/blouse or polo shirt
- Plain black shoes – sandals may be worn in the summer but toes must be covered;
- Alternatively, children may also wear red and white gingham summer dresses.

Branded St Joseph's Catholic Primary School uniform (jumpers, shirts, bags, hats etc.) can be purchased from Pinders School Wear online at

<https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/115/MeadowviewPrimary>, but plain uniform without school logos are also acceptable.

PE Kit

On PE days, your child should come dressed in their PE kit rather than their school uniform. Your child has been allocated to a coloured team (red, blue, yellow or green) and they should wear this colour plain t-shirt along with the following:

- Black shorts or black jogging/tracksuit bottoms;
 - Black zipped hooded top for colder weather;
- Pumps or trainers.

Forest School

On your child's Forest School day, they may wear black jogging bottoms rather than their school trousers or skirt/tights so they are comfortable outside. Pupils still need to wear their school jumper and t short/polo shirt underneath. Pupils may wear trainers or bring a spare pair of wellingtons. We also provide wellingtons in various sizes if needed.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow jewellery to be worn with the following exceptions:

- Small stud ear-rings in pierced ears;
- A watch
- Jewellery related to specific religious reasons (please inform the Headteacher prior to wear this)
- Medical identification bracelets.

School encourages that if parents/carers wish to have their child's ears pierced, this should be done at the start of the summer holidays. Children must be able to remove ear rings for PE or swimming lessons. For safeguarding reasons, staff cannot remove a child's earrings and children need to remove them themselves. If a child has just had their ears pierced and cannot remove their earrings for 6 weeks under advice for healing, then plasters need to be worn which are applied and removed by the parents. We cannot take responsibility for any items of jewellery that go missing in school.

The school uniform policy will be reviewed annually and parents will be provided with an annual reminder of school uniform through a leaflet. Parents and carers of new starters will also be provided with the school uniform policy and leaflet prior to their child starting at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.