

Love, Live and Learn

Our Lady & St. Swithin's



Catholic Primary School School Uniform Policy

Headteacher: _____
Chair of Governors: _____
Date: _____

DREAMS

"Dream, Believe, Achieve"

Discover Resilience Embrace Aspire Make a difference Service

OUR LADY & ST SWITHIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy for School Uniform

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.

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 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

Aims

Through this policy we aim to ensure that within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The schools concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

The Governing Body at Our Lady and St Swithin's Catholic Primary School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Headteacher and the Governing Body.

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:

- Bottle green jumper or cardigan (With or without the school logo)
- White shirt
- Green and gold stripe tie
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt / pinafore
- Black, flat sensible, safe, footwear
- White socks or grey tights for girls

- Grey or black socks for boys

Summer Options:

- Grey shorts and white Polo shirt for boys
- Green Gingham dresses for girls

PE Kit

- White t-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Plain green shorts
- Black plimsolls – this is for health and safety reasons

Jewellery

We encourage pupils not to wear jewellery to school, especially as individuals become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing.

Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations, must be covered with a plaster during all PE activities.

Watches

Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed and collected by the class teacher before any PE lessons and put in a container for safe storage.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery or watches that are lost in school.

Make Up

No make-up should be worn. Nail varnish should not be worn on nails or toes.

Personal Belongings

- mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Headteacher
- no money should be brought to school unless for a specific purpose
- bags to carry equipment and belongings in should be of a reasonable size as space is limited.

All uniform items listed above are readily available from local suppliers or supermarkets – if parents/carers find difficulty purchasing any item, please contact the school office. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

Hair

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour. Any style or colour deemed inappropriate by the school may result in a meeting with the Headteacher who will attempt to find reconciliation, but whose word is final subject to appeal processes.

Long hair should be tied back during P.E. lessons for safety.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body

- the Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body
- the Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school
- the Governing Body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome
- the school will follow the DfES guidelines and not consider exclusion as an initial response from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Carers

- to ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy
- ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fundraising events
- raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school's complaints procedure.

Single Equalities

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 policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual set of circumstances for all groups and individuals. Our Lady and St Swithin's are committed to creating a positive climate that will enable every child to be educated free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

The Headteacher may discipline a pupil for breach of the School Uniform Policy. Exclusion may be considered where breaches of the policy are 'persistent and defiant'. The Headteacher, or another member of staff with delegated authority, may ask a pupil to go home to remedy a breach of the school's rules on uniform or appearance. In such a case, parents will be notified and any absence associated with this will be recorded as 'authorised'.

This policy will be reviewed as necessary.