

## Uniform Policy



We are children of God: we achieve, believe and care.

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Chair: C Casey

Headteacher: J Black

To be Reviewed: 2 Years

# **St Joseph's is a happy and caring Catholic school where everyone aspires to reach their true potential with Christ at the heart of all we do.**

## **1 Introduction**

1.1 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.

## **2 Aims and objectives**

2.1 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; and
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## **3 School Uniform**

For boys:

- Grey trousers or shorts (for summer term);
- Pale blue polo shirt (with school logo);
- Navy sweatshirt (with school logo);
- Grey socks
- Black shoes (no trainers- see Footwear)

For girls:

- Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers;
- Blue Gingham School Dress (for summer term);
- Pale blue polo (with school logo);
- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo);
- White/Grey socks or grey tights
- Black shoes (no trainers – see Footwear)

## **4 PE Kit**

- Pale blue t-shirt (with school logo);

- Navy shorts
- Navy leggings or joggers
- Trainers

## 5 **Swimming Kit**

- Single piece swimming costume (no bikinis);
- Trunks or swimming shorts – shorts must be lined and above knee length;
- Towel; and
- All children with long hair must wear a swimming hat

## 6 **Jewellery**

- 6.1 In the interests of Health and Safety the wearing of any jewellery except wrist watches is forbidden (Smart watches that take photographs are not appropriate or allowed in school.) If ears are to be pierced please arrange for this to be done at the beginning of the summer holiday to ensure that by the commencement of the Autumn term there is no need for earrings to be worn. Children will not be allowed to wear any form of earrings in school. Make up (including nail varnish) and fashion jewellery are not considered acceptable or appropriate for school.

## 7 **Hair**

- 7.1 Long hair should be tied or pinned back so that it does not cover the face or desk. Hair styles or hair accessories which may distract pupils are to be discouraged. Hairbands, bobbles or ribbons should be navy.

## 8 **Footwear**

- 8.1 It is again strongly recommended that all pupils wear 'sensible' **black** shoes for school. Fashionable boots or trainers are not appropriate footwear for school. Trainers should only worn on PE days. Boots may be worn during the winter months- these should be plain, black and without a heel.

## 9 **The role of parents**

- 9.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We ask for the co-operation of parents and carers to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If a child's school wear does not comply with this

policy the parent will be notified immediately so that steps can be taken to rectify the issue swiftly. See appendix A.

- 9.2 In specific circumstances, for example for reasons of faith or culture, it may be difficult for some pupils to fully conform to the uniform policy. Parents should discuss this with the Headteacher as appropriate

## **10 The role of governors**

- 10.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly and suitably, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **11 Monitoring and review**

- 11.1 When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations; and
  - require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.