



St Joseph's Catholic primary school

School Uniform Policy

September 2026

This policy should be read in light of our Mission Statement that states:

'At St. Joseph's, we live, love and learn by the example of Jesus.'

Introduction

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 provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform below.

Aims and objectives

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.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are: ear-ring studs in pierced ears

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.



Hair

- Hair must be neat and tidy with no hair colourings, gel, 'fashion' haircuts, lines or streaks allowed
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back.(boys and girls)
- All hair accessories should be in school colours and no large flowers or bows.
- The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

We **no longer** request that children bring plimsoles to school as indoor shoes. This takes up much needed learning time as they are changed many times.

The role of parents

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.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning 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

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:



- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Uniform

Winter Uniform

ALL YEAR GROUPS (RECEPTION TO YEAR 6)

- White shirt
- Grey trousers/ skirt or pinafore
- **Burgundy Jumper with school crest ****
- **School golden school tie or elastic version ****
- Grey socks
- Black school styled shoes – not trainers
- Wellies only worn if necessary but shoes to be brought in for all outside play

Summer Uniform

ALL YEAR GROUPS (RECEPTION TO YEAR 6)

Option 1:

- Grey trousers, skirt or shorts (no cargo short or skorts)
- Golden colour polo shirt
- **Burgundy school jumper with school crest ****
- Black school styled shoes – not trainers or boots
- **School summer cap ****
- Grey socks

Option 2

- Summer dress – yellow gingham – no calotte styled dress (White or black cycling shorts can be worn under the dress due to a light material, if parents feel this is necessary)
- **Burgundy school jumper with school crest****
- Black school styled shoes – not trainers or boots
- **School summer cap****
- White socks
- White tights can be worn with the summer dress if necessary on colder days



PE Kit

Reception – Year 6
• Black joggers or shorts • Golden yellow round neck T- shirt (no logo required) • Trainers • Burgundy Sweat shirt (no logo required)

Nursery
• Burgundy round neck sweatshirt -with logo ** • Golden yellow round neck T- shirt (no logo required) • Black joggers or shorts • Trainers • Wellies only worn if necessary but shoes to be brought in for all outside play

Seasonal changes

Autumn term September to December	Spring Term January to March/April	Summer Term April to July
Summer uniform in September (Due to hopefully warmer days) For Years 1-6 only Reception new cohort will be Winter uniform from September Winter uniform ONLY from 1 st October onwards (For Years 1-6)	Winter uniform	Summer uniform

Other considerations

- All items of clothing – including shoes and wellingtons – should be **clearly marked with the child's name**.
- Nail varnish is strictly prohibited.

**** These items of uniform need to be purchased from our school uniform school**
<https://www.smithsschoolwear.co.uk/?s=st-joseph%27s>

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