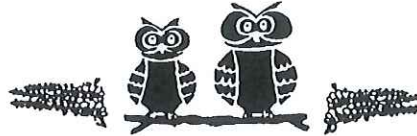


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## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

### MISSION STATEMENT

At St Joseph's we share a vision that together we are the architects of the future, building lives on the firm foundations of the gospel.

Inspired by Christian values we aim to provide love and security within a curriculum designed to meet the complex needs of all individuals, in order to prepare them to take their place in the ever changing world of today and tomorrow.

It is our policy that children should wear uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of items needed for school uniform within this policy. The policy specifies exactly what choices there are and what we recommend that pupils should wear.

**We request that you check with the school before purchasing any item that is not specifically listed. It is our aim to keep our uniform consistent. We ask that all parents support our effort to make all aspects of our school outstanding and we believe, as far as possible, a strict adherence to our uniform policy helps.**

### Aims and Objectives

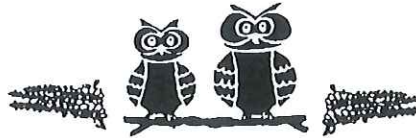
Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- supports positive behaviours and discipline
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- prevents children coming to school in fashion or designer label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents

### The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

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Should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities or there is a temporary valid reason then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

### **The Role of Governors**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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 policy meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our single equality policy. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical and that suppliers provide best value.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The only exceptions to the rule are plain small stud earrings – one per ear and the wearing of a small plain watch.

### **Extreme Haircuts and General Appearance**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or to wear hair gel. Parents should also be aware that hair braids with beads, tattoos, nail varnish or any other form of make-up are not permitted. Hair should be of a "natural colour". Long hair should be tied up and ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be simple in style and only in the school colour of dark navy or white. Short hair should be no shorter than a "No 2" and should not have fashion markings shaved into (e.g. tramlines).

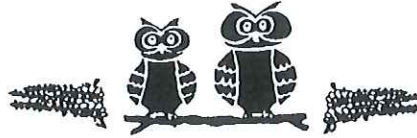
### **Footwear**

Children should wear black or navy shoes to school (not trainers). We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, open toed sandals or high heels, so we do not allow this. Wellington boots and other boots are only acceptable during period of adverse weather and the children should change into their school shoes upon arrival at school. Our school promotes the use of practical shoes that are well maintained and reflect our commitment to smart appearance and pride in school identity.

### **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Uniform**

All school uniform items with the School Logo have to be purchased on-line from Marks and Spencers at [www.mandsyourschooluniform.com](http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com). Uniform items without the logo can be purchased from other suppliers, as long as they reflect the appropriate school colours as

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identified within our School Uniform Policy. **All articles of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.**

### **Boys**

Navy blue sweatshirt with school logo\*  
White polo shirt with school logo\*  
Grey school trousers or shorts  
Grey socks  
Black, smartly kept shoes  
Black/navy Coat (school logo optional)\*

\*M&S Item

### **Girls**

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo\*  
White polo shirt with school logo\*  
Navy school skirt or pinafore (navy trousers – juniors only)  
Navy check dress (summer uniform)  
White socks or navy blue tights  
Black/navy, smartly kept shoes  
Black/navy Coat (school logo optional)\*

\*M&S Item

### **Nursery – Boys and Girls**

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo\*  
White polo shirt with school logo\*  
Navy jogging bottoms with school logo\*  
Shoes or trainers with velcro are allowed in the Nursery  
Black/navy Coat (school logo optional)\*

\*M&S Item

### **PE**

House coloured T-shirt with school logo\*  
Navy PE shorts or navy jogging bottoms (school logo optional)\*  
Black plimsolls for indoor use

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Trainers for outdoor use  
Drawstring bag (clearly labelled with child's name)\*

\*M&S Item

### **Swimming – Juniors**

Above the knee swimming trunks/shorts (boys)  
One piece swimming costume (girls)  
Towel  
Hairbrush or comb  
Swimming Hat  
Goggles (optional)

### **Other School Uniform Items**

The following items can be purchased from M&S:

- Reading book bags for the infants with the school logo
- Small and large rucksacks with the school logo
- Summer caps with the school logo
- Drawstring PE bags with the school logo
- Rain/fleece coat with the school logo

### **Extreme Weather**

Children should dress appropriately for extreme weather conditions. In the summer it is vital that children have a protective sun hat or cap. Sun cream should be applied before they arrive at school on hot summer days. Warm waterproof navy or black coats should be provided on extremely wet or snowy days.

### **Lost Property**

In order to return lost property, all uniform including shoes, PE kits and personal items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

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