



Sacred Heart
Catholic Primary School

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*'Love and Learn with
Jesus'*

School Uniform Policy

Statement of intent

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, and is affordable and the best value for money for the school and pupils' families.

We believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2021) 'Cost of school uniforms'
- DfE (2021) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2021) 'School uniforms'

Roles and responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- Establishing, in consultation with the headteacher and school community, a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and inclusive, and does not disadvantage any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics or socio-economic status.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.
- Demonstrating how best value for money has been achieved in the uniform policy.
- Ensuring compliance with the DfE's '[Cost of school uniforms](#)' guidance.

- Processing and approving all eligible School Uniform Assistance Application Forms.

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that teachers understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community in regard to the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the governing board.

Staff members are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why, having a consistent and practical school uniform, is important, e.g., school identity.

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Liaising with the headteacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including why.
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the headteacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g., school identity and community.

Cost principles

The school is committed to ensuring that its school uniform is affordable and accessible to all pupils, and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents.

In accordance with the 'School Admissions Code', the headteacher will ensure that the school's uniform policy does not discourage parents from applying for a place for their child.

The school will assess the overall cost implications of its uniform policy regularly, including prior to making any changes to the school uniform. When evaluating whether costs are reasonable and proportionate, the school will take into account the opinions and situations of:

- Economically disadvantaged parents.
- Parents with multiple children who are, or will be in the future, pupils at the school.
- Parents of younger children, as they are likely to grow quickly and require new sets of uniform more frequently.
- Parents of pupils with protected characteristics that may impact their ability to access the uniform due to costs.
- Looked After Child and Previously Looked After Child.

The school will evaluate the cost of its uniform based on the overall collection of uniform items that parents would need to purchase for a pupil, rather than on the cost effectiveness of individual items; this will include consideration of the fact that parents will need to purchase multiples of certain items, e.g. shirts and socks, to ensure their child can come to school in clean uniform every day.

The school keeps variations in school uniform for different groups of pupils to ensure that pupils can get the most wear out of their uniform possible and that parents can pass some items down to younger siblings. e.g. the nursery uniform can be worn as a P.E. uniform when children go into Reception.

The school keeps branded uniform items to a minimal level that is reasonable for all members of the school community. This is the school jumper, book bag (Reception and KS1) and the school tie.

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. Every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school will not amend uniform requirements regularly and will take the views of parents and pupils into account when considering any changes to school uniforms.

Equality principles

The school takes its legal obligation to avoid discriminating against any protected characteristic unlawfully very seriously, and aims to ensure that the uniform policy is as inclusive as possible so that all pupils are supported to access a school uniform which is comfortable, suitable for their needs, and reflects who they are.

The school will ensure that parents and pupils are consulted over any changes to school uniform.

The school ensures that the needs of pupils with SEND and/or sensory difficulties are considered in the uniform policy, e.g., ensuring soft, stretchy fabrics and avoiding intricate buttons or hard seams; however, where the needs of these pupils cannot be met in the standard uniform policy, individual adaptations to the uniform will be considered and permitted wherever possible.

School uniform suppliers

Our current school uniform suppliers are:

Beats School Uniform

<https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/>

Adams School Uniform

<http://www.hillingdonschooluniforms.co.uk/>

The headteacher will work to ensure that the items are procured as cheaply as possible without compromising on the quality, e.g. by requesting standard-style items from the supplier rather than more intricate and unique designs.

The school also recycles second hand uniform on a variety of occasions throughout the school year.

Any parent who is struggling to purchase uniform can speak to the Headteacher confidentially and the school can look at ways of helping the parent with purchasing the uniform through grant etc.

Labelling

All pupils' clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name.

Any lost clothing is to be taken to the lost property.

The Uniform Requirements

Nursery

In the Nursery children wear:

- Navy jogging bottoms or shorts
- Navy sweatshirt (school logo optional)
- White polo shirt (school logo optional)

Nursery pupils can wear trainers or shoes. We ask that all children wear velcro shoes for safety purposes.

Key Stage One and Two Uniform (Year 1 to Year 6)

Boys

- Dark grey trousers/shorts
- White shirt to be worn with the school tie
- Navy jumper/cardigan **with the school logo**
- Socks: grey or navy
- Black or navy sensible shoes – no trainers, boots or open toed sandals
- A plain navy blue or black coat

Girls

- Navy pinafore dress (summer blue checked dress), navy skirt, dark grey trousers/shorts
- White shirt to be worn with the school tie
- Navy jumper/cardigan **with the school logo**
- Navy or white socks or tights
- Black or navy sensible shoes – no trainers, boots or open toed sandals
- A plain navy blue or black coat

PE Kit

This must be worn to school on PE days.

- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- Plain navy-blue shorts or jogging bottoms (No branding)
- Plain navy-blue jumper or zip up top (No branding)
- Black or white trainers or black plimsolls

Examples of the correct uniform can be accessed via this link:

[Uniform Information | Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School](#)

Other Items:

It is compulsory that all pupils from Reception to Year 2 have a school book bag (with the school logo). This is to save parents the expense of buying more expensive bags (that often take up more room in our small cloakroom areas).

Children in KS2 (Years 3-6) may bring in a small rucksack.

Tracksuit tops, denim jackets or sweatshirts are not acceptable as coats.

Hats are encouraged to be worn as protection from the sun.

All long hair must be plaited, or tied up securely if not long enough for plaiting, to minimise the risk of head infestation. Extreme or over fancy hairstyles should not be worn as they may become a distraction to the learning process. No designs, closely shaved hairstyles or hair colour/ bleach are permitted. Hair accessories should be simple and reflect the school colours. Hair gel should not be used.

No rings, bracelets, earrings (including stud earrings) or other items of jewellery should be worn on health and safety grounds. The policy on earrings also applies to newly pierced ears. Should parents wish their child to have pierced ears this must be carried out over the summer break and no earrings of any kind should be in place at the commencement of the new school year. Tape over earrings and earring retainers are not permitted in school.

A watch may be worn by children in KS2 only. No smart watches are permitted.

The school does not accept any responsibility for any item of clothing, or money, or any other item or article which a child may bring into school and which may be lost or damaged. All items of clothing, and personal belongings, should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

As fashion trends can vary, the Headteacher reserves the right to introduce additional instructions regarding uniform and presentation as and when necessary to preserve the general ethos of the School Uniform Policy.

In all matters pertaining to uniform the Headteacher's discretion is final.

Finger nails should be kept short (no longer than the child's fingertip) and they should not be decorated with nail varnish.

Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed every two years or sooner if suppliers change.

The scheduled review date for this policy is September 2026.