



Our Lady & St Joseph Uniform Policy

Policy Statement and Guidelines

Mission Statement:

*We are a happy, exciting and successful learning
community with Jesus at the centre*

Policy Statement: School Dress Code

At Our Lady & St Joseph we aim to foster a cohesive community, where belonging and family are the norm'.

All children wear school uniform. We believe that it is smart, it gives the school an identity and it gives the child a sense of belonging.

We believe that staff are role models for pupils and should dress accordingly.

We believe that both staff and pupils should dress appropriately for the activities they are undertaking.

We know that the majority of our parents wish their children to wear school uniform and we encourage all parents to support our dress code.

Guidelines for Implementation

Pupils' Dress

Our school uniform is royal blue, grey and yellow as follows:

- Shirts and blouses
- White polo shirt (with or without school motif)
- Trousers or shorts - grey
- Skirts and pinafore dresses - grey
- Summer dresses blue and white striped or checked
- Jumpers/Cardigans royal or navy blue (with or without school motif)
- Socks/tights - white or grey
- Shoes brown or black. Open toed sandals can be worn in the summer (brown or black) but must be worn with socks

We have a range of school clothing, including caps for the summer, available from the retailers on the school website.

Code of Dress

Please note that all school shoes should provide adequate protection and support. Therefore, all boots, heeled shoes and flip flops are not permitted to be worn in school.

We ask parents not to send their children to school wearing trainers.

The use of make-up is not permitted in school. This includes lip stick, blusher/ foundation and mascara.

Dressing for PE

During PE it is important for reasons of hygiene and safety that pupils and staff have a change of clothing. Pupils are required to bring plimsolls or trainers, a gold school T-shirt with motif and a pair of royal blue shorts, skirt or leotard to school in a drawstring bag. PE bags are available from the school office.

Children may wear royal blue tracksuits for outdoor games in cold weather.

For swimming each child will need a towel, swimming hat and a swimsuit. We ask parents to name all items of clothing so that we can return lost property. (See also jewellery section)

Art and Craft

For some art and craft activities it is important to protect clothing. Children may be asked to provide an apron or old shirt for this purpose.

Jewellery

Pupils may wear watches, but we do not believe that jewellery is suitable for the school day. Pupils wearing jewellery will be asked to remove it.

Pupils with pierced ears may wear plain gold studs, but not sleepers or pendant earrings. The safety of our children is our first priority.

County inspectors advise that all jewellery must be removed for PE. It would therefore be very helpful if pupils who wear stud earrings do not wear them on days when they have PE.

Parents whose children wear jewellery for religious reasons need to let the Headteacher know in writing. All jewellery will need to be removed, taped over or covered with a sweatband during PE.

School staff must only have appropriate piercings as they need to set an example for the children.

School staff will accept no responsibility for the safe keeping of watches or jewellery.

Mobile Phones

Mobiles are not allowed in school unless necessary for the Health and Safety for the child on their journey to and from school.

In this case all phones should be deposited at the school office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. The school accepts not responsibility or liability for the storage of phones.

Staff and Governors Dress

All staff and Governors should be mindful that their dress sets an example to pupils. If staff dress smartly, pupils are more likely to follow suit.

Staff should therefore exercise professional judgement when deciding what to wear during the course of a normal school day. Denim is never acceptable.

For particular activities, such as teaching PE, it sets a good example to pupils if staff also change into suitable clothing. This needs to be done during the break before the lesson. For reasons of safety, staff should always change into suitable footwear for PE.

Implementing and Monitoring this Policy

All staff are responsible for implementing this policy. Pupils should be praised when they are wearing appropriate clothing.

If children wear inappropriate clothing, make-up or jewellery, the class teacher should discuss the school dress code with them. Parents may need to be contacted to request that they support school policy.

Staff should inform the Headteacher if they feel that standards of dress are deteriorating in their class. The Headteacher shall be responsible for ensuring that staff dress appropriately.

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