

**St. Jude's Catholic Primary School**  
**School Uniform Policy**



*We live, love and learn together joyfully in Jesus' name.*

**Principles**

St. Jude's Catholic Primary School's policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning and positive ethos. All children of compulsory school age should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an event organised by school outside normal school hours.

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

At St. Jude's Catholic Primary School, we aim to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination within the learning environment because of their age; any disability they may have; their ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their religion or beliefs. We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone because of 'differences'. We believe that all our children matter and we value their families too. We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures. As such, this policy takes in to account the fact that uniform should be affordable and accessible to everyone.

A Parliamentary Paper for Governing Bodies issued in August 2019 stated the following:

No school uniform should be so expensive as to leave pupils or their families feeling unable to apply to, or attend, a school of their choice, due to the cost of the uniform. School governing bodies should therefore give high priority to cost considerations. The governing body should be able to demonstrate how best value has been achieved and keep the cost of supplying the uniform under review. When considering how the school uniform should be sourced, governing bodies should give highest priority to the consideration of cost and value for money for parents. The school uniform should be easily available for parents to purchase and schools should seek to select items that can be purchased cheaply, for example in a supermarket or other good value shop. Schools should keep compulsory branded items to a minimum and avoid specifying expensive items of uniform eg expensive outdoor coats.

**Aims**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)

- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents

**Parental Responsibility** Parents are reminded that admission to the school is on the grounds that governor approved policies are adhered to. By sending your child to St. Jude’s Catholic Primary School, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of these policies.

- It is the responsibility of all parents / carers who send their children to St. Jude’s Catholic Primary School to ensure that their child fully complies with our school uniform policy.
- We believe that parents / carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school attendance.
- We ask that parents / carers ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- We would NOT discriminate against a child or If parents / carers are unable to comply with the School Uniform Policy for any reason, then a note should be sent to the class teacher explaining why this is the case and when it is anticipated that the child will be back in full school uniform.

If any parent would like to modify the school uniform, they should make representation, in writing in the first instance, to the headteacher.

St. Jude’s Catholic Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents / carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, then the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

### **Governors**

The Governing Body will:

- Support the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy.
- Liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy meets all regulations with regard to equal opportunities.
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.
- Consider, with the Headteacher, all representations from Parents / Carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to wearing of the school uniform.
- Require the Headteacher to report to the Governing Body on the implementation of the School Uniform Policy.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair of Governors) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Headteacher) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Review date: December 2022

## St. Jude's School Uniform from January 2020 onwards

### **Years 1 – 6**

#### **Winter:**

Grey skirt or tailored trousers  
Or (**Year 1 and 2 only**) a grey pinafore dress  
Hard collar white shirt (short or long sleeves)  
V neck jumper or cardigan **Royal Blue** (embroidered logo optional)  
Tie (Years 1 and 2 elastic)  
**Black or grey tights** (no colours or patterns)  
Head Scarf – White or Royal Blue (**plain, no patterns**)

#### **Summer:**

Grey skirt or tailored trousers  
White open neck blouse  
White polo shirt with embroidered logo optional  
Or **Royal blue** and white gingham dress  
V neck jumper or cardigan **Royal Blue** (embroidered logo optional)  
White socks  
Head Scarf – White or Royal Blue (**plain, no patterns**)

### **Reception Uniform:**

Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress  
White polo shirt with embroidered logo optional  
V neck jumper or cardigan **Royal Blue** (embroidered logo optional)

### **Nursery Uniform:**

#### **Boys and Girls**

Navy or Black jogging bottoms or leggings  
White polo shirt  
Sweatshirt or cardigan **Pale Blue** (embroidered logo optional)

### **Shoes**

All shoes must be plain black with a covered toe (for health and safety reasons)  
No trainers, boots or heels allowed

### **PE Kit**

Plain white tee-shirt  
Plain black shorts  
Black pumps slip on or Velcro strap  
**Royal Blue** sweatshirt (for winter) optional  
Black tracksuit bottoms (for winter) optional

### **Birthdays**

As a treat, pupils may wear their own clothes to school on their birthday. If a birthday falls at a weekend or in a holiday, a different day may be chosen to wear non-uniform to school. We will not accept any clothing which is deemed inappropriate and footwear which

### **Additional Equipment and Information**

**In line with guidance given to Governors in August 2019, it is not compulsory to have the St. Jude's logo on jumpers and polo shirts.**

Watches are allowed but teachers cannot be responsible for minding them.  
Nail varnish, stick on tattoos and jewellery must not be worn with the exception of one stud in each ear.  
No extreme hairstyles please, (e.g. no bleaching, colouring etc), short hair should not be below grade two and all long hair should be tied back.  
Hair Accessories - Ribbons, bows and hair clips should all be small and in the school colours (Royal Blue / White).