

Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School The Borough



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Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School, The Borough Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy and dress codes have been drawn up in consultation with pupils, parents, staff and governors.

Aims

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all members of the school community. Through our uniform policy we aim to:

- Encourage pride and engender a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Support teaching and learning
- Enable pupils to be comfortable, safe and secure
- Encourage a sense of equality and cohesion
- Protect students from social pressures to dress in a certain way
- Provide parents with practical, smart and affordable school wear for their children

School Uniform

Boys

* Blue school sweatshirt (from school office)

Plain white polo shirt (please do not buy traditional school shirts as the buttons are too difficult for the children)

Grey school trousers or shorts

Black, brown or dark blue **school** shoes (not trainers).

Socks – grey, navy, black, white

Girls

*Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan (from school office)

Plain white polo shirt

Grey school pinafore / skirt / grey school trousers

Summer dress (blue check)

School shoes (black, brown or dark blue)

Socks and tights should be navy, black, grey or white and not be patterned or brightly coloured.

*** Only the school blue sweatshirt or cardigan may be worn in school.**

PE

Plain navy/black shorts / joggers

Round neck, white t-shirt with school logo (available from school office)

Trainers (KS1 /KS2)

A plain, dark sweatshirt or zipper may be worn during cold weather.

School PE bags and book bags are also available from the school office.

No high top trainers are allowed. Canvas shoes/plimsoles are not appropriate for Health and Safety reasons as P.E lessons are often outdoors

Optional items (available from school office)

Royal blue fleece (with school logo)

Reversible fleece / waterproof coat (with school logo)

Garments covering the face, head or whole body are not permitted.

Hairstyles

The school **does not permit** children to have ‘extreme’ haircuts (eg with logos or symbols shaved into the head) that could serve as a distraction to others. Likewise, coloured or bleached hair is not allowed. Coloured hair extensions are also not allowed.

For health and safety reasons, we encourage children to ensure that long hair is tied back with a suitable plain scrunchie, hairband or clip. Children with long hair must have it tied back securely during PE lessons.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have high heels or platform soles. In keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform, all children should wear plain black, blue or brown (no logo) school shoes to and from school. Trainers can be brought to school for PE and play-time. If **boots** are worn to school in the Winter, the child should bring his/her school shoes to wear around the school during the school day.

In the summer, **sandals** (not open toed) can be worn with socks.

Accessories

Make-up is not allowed. This includes coloured lip gloss. Brightly coloured bows or over-sized hairclips are not permitted as they are a distraction to learning. This include jojo bows.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this are:

- Plain ear ring studs in pierced ears (No clip ons, hoops, diamonds or stones) These only serve as a distraction to learning.
- Small objects of religious significance such as a cross on a chain. These should remain hidden under a shirt / dress during the day and be removed at PE time to prevent injury
- For children in KS2, an appropriate size and style of watch (not exceptionally large, gimmicky or with noises).

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 learning. 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.

We would not discriminate against a family having financial difficulties in providing uniform. Please speak to the headteacher if you need financial assistance for school uniform. Parents should contact the school as soon as possible if there is a reason why their child is not wearing school uniform.

Please label all clothing with the child's details.

The role of governors

The governing body will support the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider 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 will ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and affordable.

The role of staff

Staff should support the uniform policy by ensuring that it is adhered to. Pupils should be reminded to dress smartly (long shirts tucked in, no sweatshirts tied around the waist, outer clothing and hats removed in the school building) in the school uniform and staff should ensure that health and safety requirements are followed.