



# **Uniform Policy**

Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Our schools have a strong Catholic ethos which underpins everything we do. Knowing we are guided by God, we aspire to live our mission of truth, honesty, justice, and peace for all. Catholic Social Teaching permeates through our curriculum, interactions, and relationships.

This is all manifested through God, Love and Family

**Our vision is to empower children to become architects of a better world.**

**We therefore continuously seek to evolve our holistic understanding and application of learning.**

**We hold a shared belief that this requires knowledge, effort, empathy, passion, and innovation.**

**This is our mission.**

At Our School 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, white with a school tie
· Trousers or shorts	grey
· Skirts and pinafore dresses	grey or blue
· Summer dresses	blue and white stripe or check or yellow check
· Jumpers	royal blue
· Sweatshirts/cardigans	royal blue with school logo
· T-shirts	yellow with school logo
· Socks/tights	white or royal blue
· Shoes	brown or black

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

### 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 pair of navy blue shorts, skirt or leotard to school in a drawstring bag. PE bags are available from the school office. With regards to PE t-shirts, children are encouraged to wear their house colours. These can be purchased from the office.

Children may wear navy 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 no 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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