



St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy



"Believe, Achieve, Succeed"

Under Saint Joseph's guardianship and protection, we will be supported to achieve and succeed in the things the Lord wants us to do.

Uniform Policy

Reviewed: November 2024

Principles

The wearing of uniform is an acknowledged and accepted part of life at St. Joseph's and it is assumed when applying for admission to the school that the parents endorse our uniform policy. It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy and in our school prospectus. It is suggested that all items are clearly labelled.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our colours are royal blue, grey and white and the uniform is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Colour</u>
Straight legged trousers	Grey
Skirt/culottes, pinafore	Grey
Shirt	White (<i>to be worn with school tie</i>)
Pullover or Cardigan	Royal Blue with school logo
Socks	Grey, black or white
Tights	Navy, Black or Grey
Tie	Blue and gold
Shoes / ankle boots	Black - <i>no trainers, high heels, open toes or sandals</i>
Foundation Stage only	White polo shirt (with logo preferably)
<u>Alternatives during summer term:</u>	
Shorts	Grey
Summer dress / culottes	Royal blue and white check

P.E. and swimming

Item	Colour
School t-shirt	Blue with school logo
Polo shirt (<i>alternative option</i>)	White
PE hoodie	Blue with school logo
Pullover or Cardigan (<i>alternative option</i>)	Royal blue with school logo
Shorts	Black / navy with no logos
Leggings	Black / navy with no logos
Tracksuit for outdoor games	Black / navy with no logos
Plimsolls	Black
Trainers for outdoor games	Black
One-piece swimming costume	No frills or bikinis
Swimming trunks / shorts	
Knee and elbow length suits	

All bags, clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we prefer children do not wear jewellery in our school. The only earrings to be worn are small studs, which the child will have to remove during all sport. Watches are also permissible, however smart watches should have all alarms and SMS settings disabled during the school day.

Make up and Cosmetics

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.

Long hair should be tied back at all times.

Expectations for our school community

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact Bernadette Dabbs - Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

School

The school will endeavour to promote the use of pre-loved uniform where possible, supporting sustainability and a cost-effective approach.

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation does not improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The Governors will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years by Bernadette Dabbs (Headteacher). At every review, it will be approved by the full Governing Board.

Date reviewed: November 2024

To be reviewed: November 2026