

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



Uniform Policy 2022

“A place of learning – A community of Christ

1. Introduction

All children at Our Lady's Catholic School are expected to wear the correct school uniform, which we believe gives everyone a sense of identity and pride in our school. Therefore, high standards of presentation are required at all times, reinforcing the standards of appearance and behaviour that are needed to meet and maintain high expectations.

2. Aims

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind; and
- is considered good value for money by most parents.

3. Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear any jewellery. The only exception to this rule is ear-ring studs in pierced ears, which must be plain (i.e., no sparkles/diamantes etc.). Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. If they cannot be removed, they must be taped in order to participate in the session. *Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. If your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves, they should not come to school with them in on PE days or you must provide tape.*

Long hair (girls & boys) must be always tied back with bands which should be plain and either black, brown or Yellow – no bows, dyed hair, colourful braids, fashion accessories or other fashion hairstyles are allowed.

Make up and nail varnish must not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children must not have decorative patterns cut/shaved into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

4. School Uniform

Although our uniform is listed here as a traditional boys and girls uniform, we understand that some children may want to wear uniform which is listed for the opposite gender. For example, we often have girls wearing the boys trousers.

General Uniform			
Boys	Garment		
	KS1	KS2	
	√	√	Brown V-neck sweatshirt with embroidered logo
	√	√	Brown Trousers or Brown Skirt
		√	White Shirt
	√		White polo shirt with embroidered logo
		√	Striped Tie (year 3 upwards)
	√	√	Black or Brown Socks
	√	√	Black Shoes (no logos or colour)
	√		Brown Book Bag with logo (KS1)

Girls			
	Garment	KS1	KS2
	Brown sweatshirt cardigan with embroidered logo	√	√
	Brown pinafore dress (KS1)	√	
	Brown skirt (KS2)		√
	Yellow summer dress	√	√
	White Shirt		√
	White polo shirt with embroidered logo	√	
	Striped Tie (year 3 upwards)		√
	Black, Brown or Yellow Socks	√	√
	Black Shoes (no logos or colour)	√	√
	Brown Book Bag with logo (KS1)	√	

Note: Children should have a waterproof school coat every day of the school year. These can be of any colour and it is advised that they have high visibility patches. A brown option is available from our uniform suppliers.

5. PE Kit

PE Kit List -			
	Garment	KS1	KS2
	Yellow PE shirt with embroidered logo	√	√
	Black PE Shorts with shadow stripe	√	√
	Girls PE Skort – Black (yr 3 upwards)		√
	Black jogging pants (plain)	√	√
	Outdoor PE Fleece with logo (blue)	√	√
	Brown PE Bag	√	√

6. Also available from our supplier (Optional)

	Garment	KS1	KS2
	Baseball Cap with logo (yellow)	√	√
	Legionnaires Cap with logo (yellow)	√	√
	Brown Ski Hat with logo	√	√
	Brown Fleece Zip Jacket (with logo)	√	√
	Brown all-weather reversible jacket (plain)	√	√
	Brown ankle socks (pack of 5)	√	√
	Brown knee high socks (pack of 3)	√	√
	Brown tights (pack of 2)	√	√

7. Dealing with non-compliance

The school will always be considerate in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. However, we may need to question presentation at times to ensure that issues are quickly rectified and offer support, if required.

Pupils will not be allowed to attend class if they are not dressed in the appropriate uniform as stated in this policy (including hair and accessories). Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their uniform correctly will be contacted and asked to bring in the missing uniform immediately. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the

uniform they are missing for that day. The parent or carer will then be asked to discuss the issue at the end of the day and this may incur a charge to the parents for the items used.

Students who wear make-up/nail varnish or jewellery will be required to remove these immediately. Items of jewellery will be confiscated by the teacher to be collected by the parent. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction which will include stopping the children mixing with their friends on the playground at breaktime or lunchtime. A formal meeting with the parent/s or carer/s will also be arranged immediately.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Headteacher either in person or in writing. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and guardians, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event. Parents and guardians will be notified in advance of the revised dress code for these days.

Furthermore, should there be any issues in purchasing uniform and you need support with this, please contact the headteacher. We review these on the last day of every month and will contact those who will receive additional support with uniform (preloved uniform and financial support to purchase new uniform). This will be judged by the Headteacher on a case by case basis and we will not be able to fulfil all requests. We support children in receipt of Pupil Premium/Free School Meals by purchasing uniform for them on behalf of their family.

8. Equality

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality, race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Our Lady's Catholic School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

9. Other

Naming Clothing and Property – it is vital that all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned.

The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property - All mislaid items are placed in the lost property box. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this and they will direct you to where it is kept. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term and given to a local charity.

Second-hand Uniform (preloved) - Any unwanted items of uniform may be donated to the OLSPTA who will sell it for a reasonable price. This also gives the school the opportunity to provide uniform for families in need.

10. Monitoring and Evaluation

The implementation of this policy is monitored by the Headteacher.

This policy will be reviewed through consultation with staff and revised every 2 years for the Local Academy Trust to approve.