

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. School uniform helps to promote a feeling of belonging to the school; it saves arguments about what a child wants to wear; it avoids children coming to school in undesirable fashions and it encourages children to be neat and tidy in their appearance.

In writing this policy we have consulted the Department for Education guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities.

### **Aims and objectives**

Our policy ensures that clothing worn is appropriate for everyday school activities and is based on that notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- 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, by most parents;
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### **Our School Uniform consists of:**

- Purple embroidered school logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey trousers/shorts; grey skirt or pinafore
- White embroidered school logo polo shirt
- Grey, white or black socks or tights
- Suitable black, brown or blue low heeled walking shoes. Trainers worn throughout the day may be harmful to the feet and together with boots, are inappropriate for school and should therefore not be worn.

### **Summer uniform options:**

- Purple embroidered school logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey trousers/shorts; grey skirt or pinafore
- Yellow school dresses for girls
- White embroidered school logo polo shirt
- Sensible sandals/shoes (no open backs or toes)

### **Games Kit consists of:**

- Purple school embroidered logo polo shirt
- Black PE. shorts
- Black plimsolls or trainers (trainers are more suitable for older children for games lessons on the field)
- Black tracksuit

**Extra items required are:**

- Purple school logo book bag
- Purple or Black School logo PE bag
- School logo caps or appropriate sunhats for hot weather
- Children are required to bring a coat to school every day in the colder months and a shower proof jacket is advisable in summer. Waterproof reversible jackets embroidered with the school logo and also reversible shower jackets are available from our supplier.

**All of our uniform is available from our uniform suppliers Brigade. To visit their website, log on to [www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com](http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com). Select the our school from the drop down list provided.**

**Other considerations for parents:**

- Long hair should be tied back so that it remains out of the child's eyes when they are working.
- Jewellery should not be worn
- It is not advisable for children to wear earrings to school but parents may sign a disclaimer if they do. Only small plain studs may be worn if parents feel it is necessary. Children must either be able to take out their own studs for PE or they must bring their own tape and cover the earrings themselves. If parents feel their children should have their ears pierced, it is advisable to have them done at the beginning of the summer holidays so that they have a chance to heal before returning to school.

**The role of parents:**

We ask all parents who have chosen to send their children to St Peter's Catholic Primary School to support our school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a responsibility to send their children to school in the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. If parents wish to raise a complaint about the school uniform they should do so with the headteacher in the first instance, and if agreement is not reached the issue should be raised with the governing body.

We have agreed a uniform and supplier to ensure that costs are kept to a manageable level for families, however if cost is a barrier to the wearing of correct uniform please speak to the school who may be able to assist.

If the uniform requirements cannot be met due to medical reasons please make an appointment to speak to the school. Written confirmation of such circumstances may be requested.

**The role of the headteacher:**

The head teacher's role is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy, as part of their duty to ensure day-to-day discipline at school. The headteacher will also offer support to any child, parent or family experiencing difficulty with the uniform requirements.

**The role of the governors:**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Approved by the Governing Body June 2014