

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

School Uniform and Dress Policy



'Christ be in our heads, in our hearts and in our hands'

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform / PE kit when attending school or when participating in school organised events, inside or outside of normal school hours, e.g. trips, visits and other activities linked to school. However, the wearing of uniform on a trip or during an activity will be made at the discretion of the member of staff after a visit and/or risk assessment has been completed.

Aim and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the 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;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind and is appropriate to the activity involved.

As a school we are considerate if a pupil does not keep to the uniform policy and endeavour to find out why this is happening so that we can remedy the problem. If the cause is due to financial difficulties, the school will allow for this and give the parents/carers time to buy the right items. Second hand uniform, in good condition, is available throughout the year. The PTFA will hold second hand uniform sales on a regular basis.

Role of the Governors

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The governors, along with the headteacher, will consider any complaints or requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform. The governing body will consult parents/carers for their views and concerns before deciding on the introduction of a new uniform or dress code, or before amending an existing one.

This policy, which has been endorsed by the School Governors, will be reviewed regularly.

Cost of School Uniform

Our school uniform stockists are: A.D. Justs and Monkhouse. Our uniform policy incorporates items that are readily available “off the peg” from a number of retail outlets at a range of prices. This enables parents/carers to shop around for the most suitable option, whilst ensuring their child adheres to our school uniform code.

St Teresa’s School uniform consists of:

BOYS

Shirts – white (long or short sleeved)

Ties

Trousers – black uniform straight legged (not skinny or flared)

Shorts – black uniform

Jumpers

Socks – black

Shoes – black (no trainers or lights)

Coat – School coat or warm, waterproof coat with a hood

Bag – KS1 School book bag. KS2 School book bag or appropriate sized bag of choice (must be able to fit in lockers alongside P.E kits and lunch boxes).

GIRLS

Shirts – white (long or short sleeved with reverse collar)

Tights – black

Socks – long black / short white in the summer

Skirts

Trousers – black uniform straight legged (not skinny or flared)

Shorts - black uniform

Jumpers

Shoes – black (no heels, wedges, platforms, lights or ballet/dolly style shoes. For safety, shoes need to have straps, buckles or laces).

Coat - School coat or warm, waterproof coat with a hood.

Bag – KS1 School book bag. KS2 School book bag or appropriate sized bag of choice (must be able to fit in lockers alongside P.E kits and lunch boxes).

Summer Dress – see Appendix

We ask that **all items** are clearly marked with the child’s name.

Physical Education

Our school uniform includes clothing required for physical education. Pupils will attend school wearing their PE kit on their PE day(s). We have adapted a comfortable PE kit which should enhance the children’s participation and enjoyment of sport and physical activity. Our PE kit is the same for both genders. All our PE uniform can be purchased easily from high street shops at competitive prices. Our children’s PE kit consists of:

- Navy shorts and white t-shirt or white polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt or hoodie with school logo (logo is optional)
- Navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings (to be worn during colder weather)
- Black or white trainers (No lights) and white socks
- No branding (for example - Nike, Football teams, Newman Netball clothing, etc)

Swimming

Boys – conventional short trunks and swimming cap.

Girls – conventional one-piece swimming costume and swimming cap.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

If children attend extra-curricular clubs they may be asked to wear different clothes or safety equipment, e.g. shin pads for football.

Jewellery Policy

Occasionally pupils wear personal items to school which constitute a health and safety hazard. The following recommendations are in line with Lancashire County Council and School Health and Safety Policy and the Safe Practice in Physical Education document. They reflect our commitment to the safety of all our school children.

- No earrings/studs to be worn
- No studs or rings may be worn in any other part of the body.
- The wearing of necklaces, bracelets, rings etc. is not permitted. The only exception is allergy / medical alert bracelets.
- A small, simple watch may be worn so long as it is not set to 'make noises'. No Smart watches.
- Neither the school nor its staff are responsible for any loss, theft or damage to any of these articles. Anything of value brought into school is at the owner's risk. During sporting activities such as PE or swimming, children should remove all jewellery, e.g. Watches and the responsibility of the safekeeping of these rests with the pupils.

Hair and Hair Ornaments

Hair styles for both girls and boys should be simple, easily managed and away from the face i.e. fringes not in the eyes. Extremes of styles or colours are not permitted for either boys or girls. The school requests that the children do not have their hair coloured, shaved or use hair products. If hair is long, it must be tied up with a blue or black bobble.

Black or blue bobble

Black or blue plain head band

Black or blue plain hair slides

Miscellaneous

No nail polish

No tattoos

No make-up

Monitoring of School Uniform

All staff in school are responsible for enforcing the uniform policy. Staff will tell pupils if they are not following the uniform policy and will speak to their parents if they do not adhere to the rules after a warning. For the younger children, in Reception, staff will speak to parents directly.

The Role of the Parents/Carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support all facets of our school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their children have the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. We also request that all appropriate items are named so that lost items can be easily returned to the owner.

APPENDIX

SUMMER DRESSES

Summer dresses are optional and can only be worn during the Summer Term until the October half term. (April –Oct)

The uniform at St. Teresa's is very smart. To uphold these high standards, we must ensure there is consistency in the summer dresses too.

Please find information about the compulsory style of the summer dresses.

The summer dress must be;

- Navy gingham (NOT LIGHT BLUE)
- With a box pleat
- Zip front
- White collar.

Summer dresses should be worn with the St. Teresa's school jumper.

As this is an optional item, we would like to stipulate which shops the dresses can be purchased from. Please see table below.

<u>Marks and Spencer's</u>	<u>TU (Sainsbury's)</u>
	
Girls' Gingham Pleated School Dress	Navy Sporty Gingham Dress 2 Pack
Click here for the link.	Click here for the link.
Navy (1 dress) Prices - £9:00 - £12:00 Sizes up to age 14	Navy <u>only</u> (Pack of 2) Prices - £10:00 - £14:00 Sizes up to age 14
Product code - T766477	Product code - tuc141673081

Prices do vary, offering an affordable option for all parents.