



School Uniform Policy

1. Introduction:

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending St Monica's Roman Catholic Primary School and when participating in a school-organised events outside normal school hours. **This fosters a feeling of belonging to our community, and helps children feel equal to each other.**

The school governors and leadership team consider personal appearance of the greatest importance and all pupils are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that their child arrives at school in accordance with the School Uniform Policy.

Children are not allowed to wear the following, **Trainers, Boots, Hoodies, Denims, Leather or Brightly Coloured Coats, Brightly Coloured Hats or Scarves or any item of clothing with branding or logos. These items do not comply with St Monica's Catholic Primary School's Uniform Policy.** As fashion trends can vary, the Head Teacher reserves the right to introduce additional instructions regarding uniform and presentation as and when necessary to preserve the general ethos of the School Uniform policy.

2. Aims and objectives:

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school and a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical, smart and 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 and has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Approved School Uniform:

All pupils: School Blazer; School Bag (KS2); Book Bag (EYFS to KS1);
Black shoes and white socks/or grey tights (for girls).

Winter uniform

Boys: White Shirt with Dark Grey Trousers and school tie

Girls: Dark Grey Skirt/Trousers/Pinafore and school tie

Summer uniform

Boys: White short-sleeved shirt with Dark Grey shorts and school tie

Girls: Navy blue and white check dress.

4. Jewellery:

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small studs in pierced ears and a watch. The large diamond type studs worn by some boys are not allowed. We ask children to remove jewellery during PE and games.



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5. Hair:

Haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children are not permitted. This includes extreme hair fashions, close shaved hair and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair or eyebrows. Girls and boys who have long hair must have it tied back. If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band to tie hair up with. Blue or black sensible and simple hair accessories are permitted but not, for example, big blue or black flowers. **The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed.** This also helps with health & safety in PE because some of the styling products can come off onto the PE mats, causing them to have a slippery surface which is obviously dangerous for any child. Make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

6. Footwear:

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear any kind of boots or trainers.

7. The Role of Parents:

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have the responsibility to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If a child attends school without the correct school uniform or PE kit, or shoes, the Parent/Guardian will be contacted and requested to bring in the correct uniform to school. Failure to adhere to St Monica's Catholic Primary School Uniform Policy will result in a breach of our school uniform policy and you will be requested to meet with the Headteacher.

8. The Role of Governors:

The Governing Body supports the Head Teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

This policy cannot deal with every possible new fashion and variation of dress and hairstyles. The Head Teacher, supported by the Governing Body, reserves the right to take exception to hair styles and dress which deliberately breach the general school dress code.

9. Parental Support Expectations

In accepting an offer of a place and in sending your child to St Monica's Catholic Primary School, you are agreeing to fully support school policies, procedures and high expectations

This Policy was updated in June 2019.

The next update will be when any changes/amendments are made to the school uniform.

The new uniform was agreed by governors on 13th May 2019. The Headteacher is responsible for this Policy.