

St Chad's Catholic Primary School



“At St. Chad’s, we grow in the light of Christ, to share his love and reflect the gospel values.”

School Uniform Policy

Statement of Intent

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform 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 school uniform in our school brochure.

Aims 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;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

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1 Jewellery

1.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- Ear-ring studs in pierced ears – no other piercings
- Small objects of religious significance such as a crucifix or cross on a chain or Sikh Kara
- A sensible watch – no Smart watches.

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. **If children cannot remove them independently, please ensure that they are not worn on PE or swimming days).**

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the summer school holidays.

1.2 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

2 Extreme haircuts

2.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

2.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (**No shorter than a number 2**), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden as are coloured extensions. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

2.3 Patterns, of any sort, cut into the eyebrows are not permitted.

2.4 Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk.

2.5 Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. during PE.

2.6 Bandana style headbands are not acceptable.

3 Nail Varnish

3.1 The school does not permit children to wear nail varnish at any time. If a child wears nail varnish in school, they will be provided with Nail Varnish Remover and asked to remove it immediately.

4 Footwear

4.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

4.2 In winter time, winter black shoes or black boots may be worn – fashionable boots like Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear long boots or ankle boots should bring with them black school shoes or black plimsolls to change into.

4.3 Children who wear inappropriate footwear (trainers, boots, heeled shoes etc.) will be required to put on a pair of the schools own black plimsolls. These plimsoles are cleaned after each child has worn them with footwear disinfectant.

5 School Bag

5.1 School bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted.

5.2 The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.

6 Labelling

6.1 All pupils' clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with their name.

6.2 Any lost clothing is to be taken to the lost property box.

7 Non-Compliance

7.1 Parents will be notified either through a phone call or through a letter depending on the severity of each incident.

7.2 An extreme haircut will be requested to be cut out or left to grow out depending on the Headteacher's discretion.

8 Responsibilities

8.1 The Role of Parents

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

8.12 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

8.2 The Role of the Headteacher

8.21 Is to enforce the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis and to ensure that teachers understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.

8.22 The Headteacher will listen to the opinions and wishes of the school community in regard to the school's uniform and make appropriate recommendations to the Governing Body.

8.23 The Headteacher will provide pupils with an exemption letter as appropriate, e.g. for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.

8.3 The Role of the Class Teacher

8.31 Is to ensure that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.

8.4 The Role of the Pupil

8.41 Is to always wear the correct uniform, unless the headteacher has granted an exemption.

8.42 To make sure that they look after their uniform and not to misplace it.

8.43 An Understanding and respect as to why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community.

8.5 The Role of Governors

8.51 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

8.52 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

9 Monitoring and review

9.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regards to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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St Chad's Uniform



Boys



Winter – From September to the Easter holidays

The winter uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers
- White long-sleeved shirt
- Red tie (either elasticated or tie yourself ties are available in school £3.00)
- Plain royal blue V-necked jumper
- Plain grey socks
- Black school shoes. (No trainers allowed)



Summer – when we come back after the Easter holidays to the summer term.

The summer uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers or
- Grey shorts
- Pale blue polo shirt or white – no tie
- Royal blue V-necked jumper
- Plain grey socks
- Black school shoes

*NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', **not** sportswear or fashion styles.*





Girls



Winter – From September to the Easter holidays

The winter uniform consists of:

- Traditional grey skirt or a pinafore dress
- White long-sleeved shirt
- Red tie (either elasticated or tie yourself ties are available in school £3.00)
- Plain royal blue cardigan/V-necked jumper
- Plain white or grey socks or grey woolen tights
- Flat black shoes
- Boots/ankle boots may be worn to school but **must** be changed for school shoes of black plimsolls once in the building.



Summer – when we come back after the Easter holidays to the summer term.

The summer uniform consists of:

- Light blue and white check dress
- Plain royal blue cardigan / V-necked jumper
- White socks
- Flat black shoes

For safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear any jewellery, except for a small gold stud in each ear. **(Please note that these must be removed when children go swimming or have P.E. lessons. If children cannot remove them independently, please ensure that they are not worn on PE or swimming days).**



P.E. Kit



All children need:

- black shorts,
- a plain white T-shirt
- a pair of black Velcro or slip-on plimsoll pumps. No trainers.
- Black tracksuit bottoms for the winter months (for outside use)

The PE kit should be brought to school on a Monday morning and may be taken home on Friday afternoon.

All children must do PE lessons unless there is a genuine medical reason for not doing so, in which cases you must send in a note. A letter will be sent home if your child forgets their PE kit on **two** occasions.





Swimming

Some Year groups go swimming on a rota basis during the school year. For this they will require appropriate clothing:

- Either trunks or a bathing costume - no bikinis are permitted or baggy shorts.
- They will also require a towel, carried in a waterproof bag.
- A swimming hat.

All children must attend swimming lessons unless a pupil is menstruating or if there is a genuine medical reason for not attending or in this case, a note must be provided from a doctor.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING IS
CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME