

# St Aidan's Catholic Primary School



## School Uniform Policy

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*Come in and learn with Jesus; go out and serve with love.*

## Principles

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We have the highest expectations.

## Aims

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents

## Pupil Uniform:

- burgundy sweatshirt/sweatshirt cardigan with optional St. Aidan's logo, available from [Emblematic](#) (brand new) or the school office (nearly new)
- white polo shirt (plain or embroidered)
- grey school skirt or trousers
- white or grey socks/tights
- in the summer term, pupils may wear grey shorts or red gingham dress

## Footwear

**Black shoes only.** Black trainers are not part of the school uniform. Boots are not appropriate footwear for school. If it is a wet or cold day and your child needs to wear wellies or warm boots to travel to school, please provide normal school shoes to change into.

## For PE all children (Reception – Year 6) need:

- plain white round-neck t-shirt
- Plain black PE shorts
- plimsolls/trainers
- Plain black joggers and school jumper for colder days

On the days that children have PE, school PE kit must be worn all day.

School PE kit is part of the uniform and should be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo. (NB children cannot wear hoodies or branded sweatshirts to replace school sweatshirts on PE days.)

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

## Jewellery and Hair Accessories

Children should not wear jewellery to school. An exception will be made for pierced ears (for safety reasons, only small studs may be worn) or if the jewellery is of religious or medical significance. Please see your child's class teacher if this is the case.

Children with long hair should wear it tied or clipped back for school. Hair accessories should be discreet and ideally in school colours.

## Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children who do not wear the correct uniform. If they still are not wearing the uniform they are to be referred to the Headteacher.

## Role of the Headteacher

- The Headteacher is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.
- The Headteacher will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- The school will follow the DfE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

## Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.

- To ensure that children come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.
- To ensure that all uniform is labelled correctly and clearly.

## Equalities

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 Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

Any request by a parent or pupil for any particular religious item to be worn, or any request for a change to the uniform policy, shall be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Headteacher and Local Governing Committee.