

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

School Uniform Policy



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 as can be seen below:

School Uniform 2025/26

Purple sweater Purple cardigan Forest green polo School coat (optional) Plain school socks or tights – black, grey, white, purple

Purple v-neck sweater White short sleeved school shirt/blouse

Purple & green checked school skirt Plain charcoal or black school skirt Purple check school dress Plain charcoal or black school trousers Plain charcoal or black school shorts

Black school shoes (no trainers)

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn at any time with the exception of a watch and small round studs if ears are pierced (studs must always be removed for PE).

Year 6 children only

A school tie will be presented to Year 6 children to wear

Our school uniform is available to buy from Ann's Childrenswear (with or without logo):
5a Union Street, Bacup, OL13 0AA, tel 01706 875127 www.anns-schoolwear.co.uk or from major supermarkets (without logo).

It is important that all children wear the school uniform. Any problems should be discussed with the Headteacher.

All clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name.

God wants me to be the best me I can be.

Aims of our Uniform policy

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.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are: small round studs in pierced ears or small objects of religious significance.

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. 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. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

Footwear

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 unless we have asked pupils to wear them for PE or another activity. This is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisure wear, 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.

PE kit

Pupils are required to keep their PE kit in school. It will be sent home at holidays to be washed. If it is taken home during term time, it must be returned on the next school day.

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 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 and clearly marked with the child's name.

School responsibility

The School aims to support parents with cutting down the cost of uniform by:

- allowing parents to source polo shirts, school skirts and trousers through any supermarkets/uniform shops. (Jumpers and polo shirts are not required to have the school logo, but they must be the correct colours for the school.)
- offering regular uniform exchange days.

Our school have taken into consideration the guidance issued under the [Education \(Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms\) Act 2021](#).

If parents are having any financial difficulties in purchasing a uniform, the Headteacher can be contacted or approached discretely. School will subsidise the cost of a uniform if parents are unable to provide one or source one from our uniform exchange days.

Any other problems regarding school uniform should be discussed with the Headteacher.

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