

Uniform Policy September 2022



Introduction

At St Joseph's our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school or our uniform supplier School Style Ltd, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is provided within the policy.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Jewellery, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain, flat black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their shoes whilst inside the school building. Ballet pump style shoes must have a strap across the foot.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be issued with a red dojo and a text

message will be made to parents. 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 consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

The Role of Governors

The governing board 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. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing board monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of purple and grey. Most items can be bought from high street shops. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in school or on the School Style Ltd website. Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

- Grey trousers/shorts/pinafore dress/skirt (trousers/shorts are encouraged for practicality)
- Purple and white checked dress
- White shirt or blouse
- Purple sweatshirt* or cardigan*, with the St Joseph's logo
- School tie*
- Flat, black shoes
- Book bag*
- Water bottle*

PE Kit (Reception to Year 6)

- White T-shirt*, with the St Joseph's logo
- Purple shorts* or **plain** black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- Grey hoodie*, **plain** or with the St Joseph's logo or purple sweatshirt* or cardigan*, with the St Joseph's logo

Reversible waterproof coats, with the school logo, are also available from the School Style Ltd website. Please note that children should not wear scarves inside the school building. Branded/logoed clothing items, such as Nike etc are not to be worn as part of the PE kit.