

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Uniform Policy



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Date to be reviewed: June 2027

Sacred Heart School Uniform



Royal blue jumper



Black shoes



White polo t-shirt or shirt



Book bag (backpacks are discouraged)



Grey skirt or trousers



Summer dress



PE kit – no branded clothing

Plain white t-shirt



Navy shorts



Trainers or plimsols



Navy jogging top



Navy jogging bottoms



Other uniform matters:

- Socks should be white or grey
- Small studded earring
- Hair tied back

Current school uniform supplier for branded items:

<https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/our-schools/sacred-heart-catholic-voluntary-academy/>

Statement of intent

Sacred Heart Primary believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, and is affordable and the best value for money for the school and pupils' families.

We believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

1.Roles and responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- Establishing, in consultation with the Headteacher and school community, a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and inclusive, and does not disadvantage any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics or socio-economic status.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.
- Demonstrating how best value for money has been achieved in the uniform policy.
- Ensuring compliance with the DfE's '[Cost of school uniforms](#)' guidance.

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- Ensuring that teachers/staff understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community in regard to the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the governing board.
- Supporting individual children with adaptations where there is a need, to support a health or special educational need.

Staff members are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Taking action to inform pupils/parents who are in breach of this policy, via Arbor or child's reading diary.
- Informing the headteacher where the breach is repeated (three times in a half term).
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important, e.g. school identity.

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the Headteacher/ class teacher if their child requires an adapted uniform for a period of time, including why.
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.
- Ensuring that every item is clearly labelled with their child's name.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform with pride at all times, unless the Headteacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate e.g. placing their jumper in their bag if removed.
- Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community.

3. Cost principles

The school is committed to ensuring that its school uniform is affordable and accessible to all pupils, and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents.

In accordance with the 'School Admissions Code', the Headteacher will ensure that the school's uniform policy does not discourage parents from applying for a place at Sacred Heart for their child.

The school will assess the overall cost implications of its uniform policy regularly, including prior to making any changes to the school uniform. When evaluating whether costs are reasonable and proportionate, the school will take into account the opinions and situations of:

- Economically disadvantaged parents.
- Parents with multiple children who are, or will be in the future, pupils at the school.
- Parents of younger children, as they are likely to grow quickly and require new sets of uniform more frequently.
- Parents of pupils with protected characteristics that may impact their ability to access the uniform due to costs.
- Looked After and Post Looked After Children

The school will evaluate the cost of its uniform based on the overall collection of uniform items that parents would need to purchase for a pupil, rather than on the cost effectiveness of individual items; this will include consideration of the fact that parents will need to purchase multiples of certain items, e.g. shirts and socks, to ensure their child can come to school in clean uniform.

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. Every care is taken to ensure that our uniform is affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school will take the views of parents and pupils into account when considering any changes to school uniforms.

4. Equality principles

The school takes its legal obligation to avoid discriminating against any protected characteristic unlawfully very seriously, and aims to ensure that the uniform policy is as inclusive as possible so that all pupils are supported to access a school uniform which is comfortable, suitable for their needs, and reflects who they are.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs are the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair, though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back.
- Allow children to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons

- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality, by asking parents to get in touch with school who will respond to any requests
- Ensure that the needs of pupils with SEND and/or sensory difficulties are considered in the uniform policy, e.g. ensuring soft, stretchy fabrics, avoiding intricate buttons or hard seams; however, where the needs of these pupils cannot be met in the standard uniform policy, individual adaptations to the uniform will be considered and permitted in agreement with the Headteacher.

5. Complaints and challenges

The school endeavours to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy. To make a complaint, parents should refer to the Complaints Procedures Policy and follow the stipulations outlined. When a complaint is received, the school works with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

The Headteacher and governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

6. School uniform supplier

Our current school uniform supplier is:

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7. Uniform assistance

The school holds second-hand school uniforms in the school office for parents to access upon request. Parents are invited to donate their child's uniform when they no longer need it.

8. Non-compliance

If a child breaches this policy, staff members will speak to the child initially to remind them of uniform expectations and a note will be made in the child's school diary. Parents/carers will also be spoken to regarding any issues by the staff member. If a pupil is in breach of the policy three times in a half term a letter will be sent inviting the parents for a meeting with the headteacher.

The school uniform is as follows:

- Dark grey skirt
- Plain white shirt or polo shirt
- Plain royal blue jumper / cardigan (branded is encouraged but not essential)
- Black shoes
- White or grey socks

In the Summer months, blue chequered dresses or grey shorts can be worn.

Please make sure that clothes are clearly labelled with the child's name so they can be easily identified and returned if misplaced.

PE kit is as follows:

- Navy shorts or navy tracksuit bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Trainers /plimsols

- Navy sweatshirt for colder months
- PE kit **should not have brand names** e.g. Adidas, Nike.

Jewellery:

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are plain earring studs and a watch. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE or cover them with a plaster. Pupils must bring in plasters from home to do this.

If a class is swimming, no earrings are allowed to be worn.

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded.

Children must not wear hooped earrings or excessively colourful, large studs.

Hair Cuts and colours

Pupils should have a smart haircut with natural hair colour. Hair must be tied up, certainly away from the child's face, so it does not interfere with them completing their work or communicating with school staff.

9. Labelling

All pupils' clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with their name.

Any lost clothing is to be taken to the lost property box. All lost property is retained for half a term and is disposed of or repurposed if it is not collected within this time.