

Saint Joseph's Primary
A Catholic Voluntary Academy



Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours, unless stated otherwise. We ask children to take pride in their personal appearance. Items of uniform are available at local shops including supermarkets, the school badge can be purchased via the school gateway and collected from the school office. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, can be found further down.

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; supports our commitment to inclusion; is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind; is considered good value for money by most parents.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

However, 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 from children.*

Children should not wear any hair ornaments that may be considered a distraction for themselves or others, this may be reconsidered for themed days. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school.

The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have their hair coloured or dyed.

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 black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black.

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 condition 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 to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. If children do arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing or do not have the correct PE kit parents will be contacted by a letter being sent home.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform List

For girls:

- Green V-neck jumper with school logo / Green cardigan with logo
- White shirt
- Smart Grey Trousers / Grey Pinafore / Grey Skirt
- Smart Grey tailored shorts (summer)
- Green gingham dress (summer)
- Black Sensible Shoes (No Trainers)
- White, Grey or black socks (not colourful)
- Black or grey tights (no leggings under skirts)

For boys:

- Green V-neck jumper with school logo
- White shirt
- Smart Grey Trousers
- Smart Grey tailored shorts (summer)
- Black Sensible Shoes (No Trainers)
- White, Grey or black socks (not colourful)

Please note, your child should wear shoes which they can manage to fasten independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running safely in the playground.

P.E. Kit

Children will wear their PE kit to school on their PE days, this will be shared by the class teacher.

Girls and boys wear:

- Gold Tee Shirt
- Green Shorts
- Black Indoor PE Pumps – Velcro fastenings may help younger children
- Black bottoms and green school sweatshirt (no leggings are permitted) for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- Plain black or white running shoes/trainers

All jewellery should be removed for PE and games. This includes watches, rings, bracelets and earrings.

Please note that if your child wears earrings, children or adults are not permitted to tape them for activities. Therefore, children must be able to remove them independently, as an adult is not permitted to assist. We advise that if your child wishes to get their ears pierced, this is done at the beginning of the summer holidays, to allow 6 weeks healing before they are able to be safely removed.

Planned future changes in-line with the government's plans

The government intends to introduce new limits from September 2026 through the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill limiting the number of compulsory branded school uniform and PE kit items. The proposal includes:

- schools should limit the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit to 3 or fewer

Based on our current school uniform policy we are already compliant with this proposal and therefore no planned changes to our uniform policy are expected for September 2026

Further information can be found on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

Swap-Shop/ Used uniform

We are in the process of looking to set up a swap-shop/ used uniform sales. Further information will be shared with parents throughout the school year.

P.E. Kit

Children will have a PE Day, they will wear their PE kit to and from school on this day

Gold Polo Shirt Optional: school badge	Black Jogging Bottoms (no leggings)	Bottle Green Round Necked Sweatshirt with School Badge	Bottle Green PE Shorts (No cycling shorts)	Black Indoor PE Pumps & Outdoor Trainers
				

School Uniform – Reception to Year 6

Please buy plain uniform from whichever uniform supplier you like.

The School Badges, Ties and Book Bags can be purchased from school via the Gateway.

White Shirt with collar suitable for a tie	<u>Elastcated tie</u> - suitable for younger children Or Clip-on Tie	Bottle Green V Necked Jumper Or Cardigan with School Badge	Grey Tailored trousers Or Shorts	Grey Knee Length Skirt or Pinafore	Green Gingham Dress	Bookbag
						
					<p>School Shoes — Sensible Black shoes Not boots or sandals or trainers</p> <p>Socks/Tights White/Grey/ Black</p>	<p>School Badge</p> 