

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy



'Growing through God, we Learn, Laugh and Love'

AIMS

This policy aims to:

- To maintain a strong sense of identity, pride and belonging within our school.
- To promote consistently high standards of behaviour, attitude and dress.
- Ensures pupils dress appropriately for learning activities, including PE.
- Removes peer pressure to dress in designer fashions.
- To respect variations to school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.
- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost to avoid unnecessary clothing expense for parents and carers.
- We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. Parents should communicate with us if there is a specific reason why their child is unable to follow this policy.

Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Mrs. Dickinson, Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

Expectations for School Uniform

Winter Uniform

White shirt.

School Tie.

Grey school trousers/skirt

Grey Jumper/Cardigan with school logo. (This is the only compulsory branded item required).

Black school shoes (with low heels, trainers should not be worn except for outdoor PE lessons).

White or Grey socks or tights (red tights may also be worn)

Summer Uniform

White shirt, school tie and grey shorts.

Red checked dress.

Grey jumper or cardigan with school logo.

Black school shoes. (Please note that open toe sandals should not be worn for safety reasons.)

PE Kit

PE kits should be in school every day in a named, plain drawstring bag with your child's name clearly written on the bag and all PE clothing.

Indoor Kit: Plain white T-shirt with school logo, plain red shorts, Black slip-on pumps.

Outdoor Kit: (no football kits or logo)

Plain white T-shirt with school logo, trainers, tracksuit bottoms and top or jumper to keep warm outside during PE sessions

Trainers are not acceptable for everyday wear; there are sound health and hygiene reasons for not wearing trainers all day. The wearing of trainers can lead to competition between pupils and detract from the aims we are trying to achieve through our uniform policy.

Jewellery must not be worn for school. There is the danger of loss or breakage, and a very real risk of injury, especially with earrings. Children who have pierced ears should only wear a small stud if absolutely necessary. Children may wear a simple watch to support learning to tell the time but this must be removed during PE sessions and given to a teacher to store in a safe place.

Make up and nail varnish - Children must not wear make-up including nail varnish in school.

Children must not wear any kind of nail art including 'false' nails.

The school has a selection of preloved uniform. Parents are encouraged to contact the school office or the head teacher if they require any assistance with purchasing school uniform.

Where to purchase it

School clothing can be purchased from:

Boydells, 17-19 Victoria Road, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0PU.

Telephone: 0151 424 3257.

Skirts, trousers, shirts, shorts and summer dresses can be bought at any local supermarket/chain store.

Expectations for our school community

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Clean and in good condition.

Parents are also expected to contact Mrs Dickinson if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

1. Their child's protected characteristics.
2. The cost of the uniform.
3. Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.
4. Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:
 - Resolved locally.
 - Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy.
 - The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Governors

- The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:
 - Is appropriate for our school's context.
 - Is implemented fairly across the school.
 - Considers the views of parents and pupils.
 - Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils.