



**Our Lady
& St. Edward's**
Catholic Primary School

UNIFORM POLICY

We have high expectations of every pupil and we celebrate the contribution and uniqueness that each person brings to our school community. Our high expectations are also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Our Lady and St. Edward's Catholic Primary School, parents agree to support our policy.

Support for our families

All children who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) not Universal Infant Free School Meals receive a free school uniform voucher which can be used to purchase a full school uniform from our school supplier (Wirral Uniform Centre). All Vouchers are sent out by our Finance Manager in July. Children new to F2 and new to the school are given the voucher on admission.

Our Family Support Workers wash and prepare pre-loved uniforms donated by our families and run a pop-up uniform shop regularly which is free to all parents. This supports both our families and the environment.

Aims and Objectives:

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards our school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical, economical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to each other in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing)
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform with school logo is available from Uniform Shop Birkenhead

Uniforms can be bought from a variety of shops and supermarkets at a reasonable price without the school logo/badge.

Parents should remember to mark any clothing with names. The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if the clothing is clearly marked, will make every effort to see lost items are returned.

Please ensure that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name.

<p>Autumn & Spring Term Grey/tartan skirt, grey/tartan pinafore dress or grey trousers</p> <p>White/yellow /blue blouse or polo shirt with or without school logo (logo polo shirts are available from our uniform supplier Wirral Uniform Centre)</p> <p>Blue/grey school cardigan, sweatshirt or tank top(with or without school logo)</p> <p>White/grey/blue socks or blue/grey/white tights.</p> <p>Sensible, low heeled, black (or dark coloured) shoes. (No sling backs, high heels can be worn)</p> <p>Waterproof coats are available with the school logo if required.</p> <p>Girls – Summer Term (optional) Blue/yellow gingham dress or skirt, shorts set</p> <p>Open neck white/blue blouse</p> <p>Blue/grey school cardigan or sweatshirt with or without school logo)</p> <p>Sensible, low heeled, black (or dark coloured shoes, sandals (No sling backs, high heels or open toed shoes can be worn)</p>	<p>Autumn & Spring Term Grey trousers or grey shorts</p> <p>White/yellow/blue shirt or polo shirt with or without school logo (polo shirts with logo are available from our uniform supplier Wirral Uniform Centre)</p> <p>Blue/grey sweatshirt,cardigan, jumper or tank top (with or without school logo)</p> <p>grey/dark coloured socks</p> <p><i>Black (or dark coloured) sensible shoes.</i></p> <p>Waterproof coats are available with the school logo if required.</p> <p>Boys - Summer Term (optional) Open neck , short sleeved white/blue shirt or polo shirt</p> <p>Grey shorts</p> <p>Sensible shoes, sandals</p>
<p>P.E. Kit Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Black or dark coloured plain shorts</p> <p>Navy blue jogging bottoms/school sweatshirt/ dark tracksuit can be worn for outdoor games</p> <p>Suitable footwear – black pumps (indoor)or trainers (outdoor)</p>	<p>P.E. Kit Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt (with or without school logo)</p> <p>Black or dark coloured plain shorts</p> <p>Navy blue jogging bottoms/school sweatshirt/ dark tracksuit can be worn for outdoor games</p> <p>Suitable footwear – black pumps (indoor)or trainers (outdoor)</p>
<p>Swimming Kit A one piece swimming costume, towel (More details are sent out the week before when your child goes swimming)</p>	<p>Swimming Kit Swimming trunks, towel (More details are sent out the week before your child goes swimming)</p>

Jewellery

For Health & Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears and a watch.

Hair

Hairstyles should be appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable for pupils in our primary school. These would include shaved patterns into the scalp, Mohicans and use of unnaturally coloured dyes. All children, girls and boys should have hair longer than shoulder length tied back.

Make-Up

Make-up is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body

The Headteacher:

- Implements and monitors the policy throughout the school.
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained and supporting parents and carers regarding uniforms
- Should be receptive to any concerns or complaints from parents or carers concerning uniform by considering all the issues they raise
- Should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Inclusion

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances for all groups and individuals.

Non-compliance with the School and P.E. Uniform Policy

If a child does not wear appropriate school uniform or P.E. policy, the teaching team will discreetly talk to parents/carers to understand the reasons. We will also offer support to parents in a range of situations. We do have spare P.E. kits and uniforms in school which we can loan to children if parents/carers agree.

If a child forgets their swimming kit, we will contact parents/carers to bring a swimming kit to school so that their child will be able to go swimming. Unfortunately we do not have spare swimming kits and towels in school.

We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school or P.E. uniform (lost or damaged). We will support parents/carers in obtaining uniforms and kits.