

St Francis Catholic Primary School



Uniform Policy

Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'

St Francis School is a loving community, respecting every child and adult and caring for God's World, as we help each other to do our best and grow together in Christ.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.

UNIFORM POLICY

In St Francis School it is our policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in off-site activities (where appropriate).

We believe that school uniform is important because it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical, smart and identifies the pupils with the school
- Prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Our school colours are navy and yellow and we encourage this across all aspects of uniform including hair ties and ribbons, scarves and gloves. Additional colours are introduced in our House T-shirts which are worn for specific events such as sports day.

A full uniform list is attached at Appendix 1.

General Guidelines

In the interests of Health & Safety:

- **Shoes** - must be fit for purpose and enable pupils to negotiate stairs and pathways and run freely in the playground. Shoes should be navy or black, have straps or laces and be flat.
- **Jewellery** - is not permitted under any circumstances and we follow Local Authority guidelines which state that **jewellery must not be worn during P.E. lessons** (See Guidelines for P.E.)
- **Earrings** - the wearing of earrings by pupils is strongly discouraged. We ask that parents who are considering having children's ears pierced do so at the start of the summer break. This should allow enough time for the ears to heal before school starts in September. If earrings are worn they must be small, stud earrings.

- **Watches** - pupils are allowed to wear a simple plain watch with a regular sized face and plain strap. To encourage a healthy lifestyle the pupils are also permitted to wear a *Fit Bit* / equivalent activity tracker throughout the day and during their mile-a-day. Pupils choosing to wear these do so at their own risk and the school accepts no responsibility for ones which are lost or damaged at school.
- **Hair** - hair, including fringes, should be tidy and contained. Pupils with hair which is long enough will be asked to tie it back and long fringes will need to be clipped so that it is not covering the pupils' eyes. Extravagant styles/dyed hair, gel, tram lines etc, are not considered to be appropriate. Slides, bobbles, ribbons etc should be simple and navy blue.
- Nail varnish and make up should not be worn at school.

Guidelines for P.E.

Pupils must remove earrings for P.E. lessons and sports activities. Pupils who are unable to remove their own earrings should not wear them on P.E. days. Staff are not allowed to remove any earrings for the children. Please note that P.E. is part of the National Curriculum taught to all pupils. Should you allow your child to have their ears pierced in term time then they will be unable to access this part of the curriculum for up to six weeks.

Tights must be removed during P.E. lessons and pupils are encouraged to bring a spare pair of socks to change into after taking part in sports activities.

Summer/Winter Uniform

Generally winter uniform is worn from October half term until Easter (Reception class September until Easter). Pupils should, however, wear clothing suitable for the prevailing weather conditions.

Blazers and Hats

School hats are to be worn both to and from school, as part of uniform. This is mandatory.

During the summer school blazers, straw boaters with hat band and badge (girls) and felt caps with logo (boys) should be worn. During the winter navy velour hats with logo (girls) and felt caps with logo (boys) are to be worn.

School baseball caps and legionnaire caps are available from the school in summer to wear during break and lunchtimes. This is not compulsory, but is recommended to protect your child from the sun.

Plain navy fleece or wool hats can also be worn during break and lunchtimes. Again these are not compulsory but are recommended for warmth and to protect their normal school hats from damage during playtime.

Plain navy or florescent yellow gloves and scarves can be worn as necessary, but are not compulsory.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM IS CLEARLY NAMED.

Uniform suppliers

Sustainable Development underpins our ethos; therefore the governors work hard to ensure best value is achieved. The Catholic Clothing Guild is a charity which helps parents to purchase school uniform. (Contact details are held in the school office).

Parents can compare prices and buy uniform through direct contact with our supplier:

Yours In Sport, 39 High Street, Maldon 01621 853065 sales@sportgb.co.uk

Alternatively parents can acquire uniform from the Parents Association who have set up a system giving parents the opportunity to purchase re-cycled uniform. Please ensure second hand uniform is re-labelled with your child's name. They can be contacted through the school office.

Key Stage 1 - St Francis School book bags are available from the school office.

Lost property

The school will endeavour to return all named items of lost property to pupils when found. Any uniform found will be stored in a cupboard outside the school office (under the stairs) and pupils / parents can access this to look for lost items. Please note that this cupboard will be emptied by a member of staff at the end of each half term and items will either be given to the Parent Associations second hand uniform or donated to charity.

Appendix 1

Girls' Summer Uniform (After Easter to October half term)	Girls' Winter Uniform (After October half term to Easter)
<p>Navy striped dress (purchase from Marks and Spencer website: www.marksandspencer.com) Navy V-neck cardigan with logo School Blazer (with badge) White socks Black or navy summer shoes (not open toed or slip on pumps) Straw boater, hat band and badge Navy hair bands and clips</p>	<p>Navy pleated skirt or pinafore dress White long sleeved blouse Navy V-neck cardigan with logo School Tie Navy tights or white knee length socks Navy coat/jacket Black or navy shoes Navy velour hat, hat band and badge Navy hair bands and clips</p>
Boys' Summer Uniform (After Easter to October half term)	Boys' Winter Uniform (After October half term to Easter)
<p>White short sleeved shirt (not a polo shirt) Navy V-neck pullover with logo Navy short trousers** School Tie School Blazer (with badge) Grey socks Black or navy summer shoes (not open toed or slip on pumps) Navy felt cap with logo</p> <p>** Year 6 can wear long trousers all year.</p>	<p>White long sleeved shirt Navy V-neck pullover with logo Navy long trousers School Tie Grey socks Navy coat / jacket Black or navy shoes Navy felt cap with logo</p>
Unisex Sports outfit (All year)	School Bags
<p>Plain navy PE shorts Light blue polo shirt with logo Plain navy tracksuit top and bottoms Trainers for outdoor games Black slip-on plimsolls (no laces please) Shoe Bag House coloured T-Shirt (red, yellow, green or blue) for Sports Day</p>	<p>Key Stage 1 - St. Francis book bag Key Stage 2 - A small, plain black or navy backpack</p>
<p>PLEASE ENSURE ALL ARTICLES ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME</p>	