

# St Francis Catholic Primary School



## Uniform Policy

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**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.**

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In St Francis School it is our policy that all children 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 and smart and identifies the children with the school
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes children 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 but additional colours are introduced in our PE kit. 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 children to negotiate stairs and pathways and run freely in the playground (shoes should have straps or laces and be flat)
- **Jewellery** - is not permitted under any circumstances and the wearing of earrings is strongly discouraged. Children are allowed to wear a simple plain watch. We follow Local Authority guidelines which state that **jewellery must not be worn during PE lessons** (See note 1)
- **Hair** – hair should be tidy and contained. Extravagant styles/dyed hair, gel, tram lines etc, are not considered to be appropriate. Slides, bobbles ribbons etc should be simple and navy blue.

### Note 1: Guidelines for PE

Children must remove earrings.

Children who are unable to remove their own earrings should not wear it on PE days. Staff are not allowed to remove any earrings for the children.

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.

Please note that PE is part of the National Curriculum taught to all children. 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.

### Note 2: Summer/Winter Uniform

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

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM IS CLEARLY NAMED.**

Sustainable Development underpins our ethos; therefore the governors work hard to ensure best value is achieved. Parents can buy uniform through direct contact with suppliers.

- The Parents Association has set up a system where parents have the opportunity to purchase re-cycled uniform, contact through the school
- Parents can also compare costs through our current suppliers:  
Schoolwearplus email: [sales@schoolwearplus.com](mailto:sales@schoolwearplus.com)  
Yours in Sport email: sales@sportgb.co.uk
- The Catholic Clothing Guild is a charity which helps parents to purchase school uniform. (Contact details are held in the school office).