



OUR LADY & ST. PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Love of Christ Shines Here



Uniform Policy

2026 – 2027

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Our School is Christ-centred where Gospel values permeate our daily lives.

We extend our hand of friendship to the wider community in the spirit of love, peace and justice.

We create opportunities to celebrate the uniqueness of every child and nurture them through a stimulating and enriching curriculum.



Uniform Policy

We are proud of our school and its uniform, and all children should wear it with pride when attending school or taking part in a school-organised event, inside or outside of normal school hours. We fully recognize that the cost of purchasing branded items can place families under financial pressure. In accordance with Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance on school uniforms, we keep compulsory branded items to a minimum and ensure that generic, affordable high-street options are widely available and permitted across all uniform categories.

1. Aims and Objectives

The uniform policy at Our Lady and St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School aims to:

- Foster a sense of belonging, pride, and identity within the school community.
- Promote a smart, consistent appearance amongst all pupils.
- Ensure pupils are dressed appropriately for the school environment and activities.
- Reduce peer pressure related to fashion and expensive clothing.
- Prepare pupils for the expectations of future workplaces.
- Support the ethos of Our Lady and St. Philomena's as a Catholic school.

2. General Expectations

All pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform neatly and smartly at all times during school hours, on school trips, and when representing the school. Parents are kindly requested to support the school by ensuring their children adhere to this policy.

3. School Uniform Items

Winter Uniform (September - Easter Holidays)

- Grey trousers or shorts / grey skirt, grey pinafore dress
- White shirt and school tie
- Royal blue v-neck jumper or cardigan (with school logo preferred)
- Grey or white socks / tights
- Black, sensible **school** shoes (no trainers, boots or open-toed footwear)

Summer Uniform (Easter Holidays - July)

- White polo shirt (with school logo preferred)
- Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress or grey shorts
- Royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan (with school logo preferred)
- Grey or white socks
- Black, sensible **school** shoes

or



- blue/white checked summer dress
- Royal blue V-neck jumper or cardigan (with school logo preferred)
- White socks
- Black, sensible school shoes or closed-toe sandals (with appropriate ankle strap for safety; no open-toed sandals, crocs, or fashion sandals)

Nursery Uniform

- Blue sweatshirt (with school logo preferred)
- Blue jogging bottoms (with school logo preferred)
- White polo shirt (logo optional)
- Velcro fastening footwear is advisable for Nursery; please do not send your child with lace up footwear.

Summer term, any royal blue shorts can be worn instead of jogging bottoms.

Please ensure all items of your child's uniform, coats, hats, gloves and scarves are clearly labelled with your child's name.

4. Physical Education (P.E.) Uniform

- White t-shirt with the school logo
- Royal blue, plain shorts
- Black pumps (indoor P.E.)
- Trainers (outdoor P.E.)
- Royal blue school tracksuit with the school badge (for colder weather, outdoor P.E.)

P.E. uniform should be worn to school on PE days.

Although we promote the use of items that display the school badge - generic, logo-free alternatives are fully acceptable across all items

5. Outerwear

For outdoor play and travel to and from school, a waterproof coat or jacket is recommended. Hooded tops are not permitted as part of the school uniform during school hours.

6. Hair and Accessories

- **Hair:** Hair should be neat and tidy. Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied back, especially for P.E. and practical lessons, using plain hair bobbles or small hair bands in school colours (blue or white). Extreme hair colours, patterns, or styles (e.g., shaved patterns, mohawks) are not permitted.
- **Jewellery:** For safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted, with the exception of small, plain stud earrings (one in each earlobe). These must be removed by the child for swimming lessons. The school cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged jewellery.



- **Make-up and Nails:** Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted. False nails are also not permitted.

7. Labelling

All items of uniform and P.E. uniform, including shoes and coats, must be clearly labelled with the child's name. This helps in returning lost items to their rightful owners.

8. Footwear

Footwear should be appropriate for school activities, safe, comfortable, and black in colour. Trainers (other than for P.E.), high heels, open-toed sandals, boots (unless for specific weather conditions and changed upon arrival), or fashion shoes are not permitted.

9. Swimming

Children in Years 3 – 6 will attend weekly swimming lessons at some point in the year. Parents/carers are requested to provide children with: a one-piece swimming costume;

- short swimming trunks (no baggy shorts);
- a towel;
- swimming cap – available from the swimming pool. (Please note that it is the policy of the swimming baths that children wear swimming caps.)

10. Pre-loved Uniforms

To support sustainability and assist families with costs, the school maintains an accessible stock of pre-loved uniform items. Donations of clean, good-quality pre-loved uniform are welcomed at the school office.

Pre-loved uniform sales and distributions take place regularly throughout the academic year. Details of upcoming sales, sizing availability, and requests for pre-loved uniform can be accessed at any time via the school website or by contacting the main office directly.

11. Cost of Uniform and Supplier Details

To ensure high value for money, the vast majority of our uniform items can be purchased generically from high-street retailers and supermarkets. Branded items with the school logo are entirely optional and can be purchased from our approved supplier:

Brienda Schoolwear - 74 Muirhead Avenue East, Liverpool L11 1EL

Brienda also offer an on-line service.

<https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/our-lady-and-st-philomenas-catholic-primary-school/>



In accordance with statutory guidance, single-supplier arrangements are reviewed and competitively tendered at regular intervals to ensure ongoing affordability for parents.

12. Equal Opportunities and Adaptations

The school is committed to ensuring that its uniform policy does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, religion or belief, disability, or special educational needs. Reasonable adjustments and adaptations to the uniform policy will be made upon request to accommodate:

- Religious requirements or cultural traditions
- Sensory or physical needs related to disabilities or medical conditions

Parents seeking an adaptation or exemption on protected grounds should contact the Headteacher to discuss their child's specific needs confidentially.

13. Lost Property

Lost property is collected in a designated area within school. Parents are encouraged to check this area regularly. Unclaimed and unlabeled items will be re-allocated to the pre-loved uniform stock or recycled at the end of each half-term.

14. Non-Compliance

The school expects full cooperation from parents and pupils. In instances where a pupil does not wear the correct uniform, the school will handle the matter sensitively:

1. An initial gentle reminder will be given to the pupil and a note sent home to parents.
2. If non-compliance continues, the school will contact parents to discuss how we can support the family in resolving the issue.
3. The Headteacher reserves the right to make final decisions on uniform compliance matters.

15. Policy Review

This uniform policy will be reviewed every 3 years (or whenever changes are made) by the Governing Body in consultation with staff and parents.