



Uniform Policy

2025 - 2026

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'The Love of Christ Shines Here'

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 it is our policy that all children wear it with pride when attending school or taking part in a school-organised event, inside or outside of normal school hours. However, we do realise that the cost of purchasing branded items may put families under unnecessary financial pressure, and we bear this in mind when drafting this policy.

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, optional)
- 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, optional)



- White socks
- Black, sensible school shoes or closed-toe sandals (with appropriate ankle strap for safety; no open-toed sandals, crocs, or fashion sandals)

4. Physical Education (P.E.) Uniform

- Royal blue or white plain T-shirt
- Navy blue or black plain shorts
- Black pumps (indoor P.E.)
- Trainers (outdoor P.E.)
- Navy blue or black tracksuit (for colder weather, outdoor P.E.)
- A named drawstring bag to keep the kit in.

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

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 Nail Varnish:** Make-up and nail varnish are 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

Many families donate uniform items to school when children leave or grow out of their clothing. We would like families to know that school will gladly accept items if you have any to donate.

We ensure that such items are clean and fit for purpose. If any families wish to make use of such stock, please contact the school office for size availability.

11. Uniform Suppliers

Parents can purchase uniform items, including those with the school logo, from the following approved suppliers:

- F&J Uniform
- Brienda Schoolwear

Generic items (e.g., plain trousers, skirts, white polo shirts) can be purchased from various high-street retailers.

12. Lost Property

Lost property is collected in a designated area. Parents are encouraged to check the lost property regularly. Unclaimed, unlabelled items will be disposed of at the end of each half-term.

13. Non-Compliance

The school expects full cooperation from parents and pupils in adhering to the uniform policy. In cases of non-compliance, the following steps will be taken:

- Initial gentle reminder to the child and a note to parents.
- If the issue persists, a phone call or meeting with parents to discuss the matter.
- The Headteacher reserves the right to make final decisions on uniform matters.

14. Policy Review

This uniform policy will be reviewed periodically by the Governing Body in consultation with staff and parents.