



Our pupils are proud to belong to St Oswald's Catholic Primary School community. Wearing our school uniform gives children a sense of identity and an understanding that they come to school to work and that certain standards are expected of them. Our pupils take part in many out-of-school activities and represent the school on many occasions within Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, the Local Authority and beyond. As ambassadors for St Oswald's they wear our school uniform with pride. The uniform is intended to be smart, practical and economical.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

Our uniform consists of the following:

- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Blue and white gingham dress
- Black school shoes

PE Kit:

- White polo shirt
- Navy or black shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Plain blue or black tracksuit for use during the winter (no logos or stripes)

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, P.E. kits, coats and fleeces with logos are available through BE Uniform.

However, there is no expectation that children must wear uniform with the school logo on. This is down to parental choice and as a school we support families in dealing with the current cost of living crisis. If plain non-branded uniform items (in the correct colours) are more cost efficient then this is perfectly acceptable.

Jewellery & Fashion items

In addition to uniform we place great emphasis on children's overall appearance. For this reason, jewellery, (rings, bracelets, earrings and necklaces), Make-up, (including nail varnish), and extreme haircuts are not allowed in school.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to comply with the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear

clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of the Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy and support it;
- consider with the head teacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years or earlier if considered necessary.

Signed:

D Woodhouse (Headteacher)

M Ellenden (Chair of Governors)

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Next review date: January 2025