



Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy

At Ss Peter and Paul we endeavour to create a safe and stimulating environment where everyone knows that they are valued. A person has the right to be treated with respect and has the responsibility to treat others in the same way.

Guidance

The school has used the DfE guidance on school uniform in the setting of this policy.

‘School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.’

The Department of Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. We also encourage schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and makeup.

All students are expected to wear school uniform at all times. It is designed to be comfortable, attractive and practical. We believe having a school uniform avoids competitive dressing and helps to set the tone of the school. Uniform is a key aspect of creating a purposeful learning environment to allow students to work and realise their full potential. As parents and carers, we would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that high standards are reached. When purchasing new shoes, skirts or trousers please ensure that they conform to school policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to excellence and inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform Requirements

- Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with a school badge;
- Light blue polo shirt;
- Plain grey trousers or shorts;
- Plain grey skirt;
- Summer dress – blue check;
- Plain black school shoes, boots or plain black trainers;
- In extreme weather, wellington boots can be worn.
- We ask that all uniform, coats etc are labelled with your child's name.

PE Requirements- children can wear their PE uniform to school on their PE days.

- Plain white t-shirt;
- Plain black shorts, leggings or joggers;
- Trainers;
- Royal blue school sweatshirt (no hoodies).

In Key stage 2 children will attend swimming lessons. For this, the following rules should be adhered to:

- No bikinis - girls to wear full swimming costume or tankini;
- Shorts must be above the knee (to allow for movement);
- Hair must be tied up;
- Watches must be removed before entering the pool.

Please do not be convinced by your child that other items are acceptable for school. Your child's teacher or the Senior Staff will always be willing to advise you if you are unsure of any item of school clothing.

- Fashion statements with regards to pupils' appearance is unacceptable (if in doubt, please contact the school before any decisions are made);
- Jewellery is not permitted in school, except a wrist watch;
- Parents are strongly encouraged to wait until the 6 weeks holidays if they want to get their child's ears pierced. Covering recently pierced ears with an Elastoplast is not acceptable;

- Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, extreme patterns / v styles, or unnatural dyed colours are also forbidden;
- Make-up is not allowed for pupils.

We have a supply of uniform in school and are happy to give these to parents. The school is also happy to support the purchase of children's uniform. Parents who feel this is appropriate are asked to request a financial assistance form from the school office.

Sweatshirts and cardigans with our school badge can be bought from:

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