



**St. Anne's Catholic Primary School**

# **School Uniform Policy**

## **Our School Mission Statement:**

Each one of us is special  
Each one of us is unique  
Because we are created by God's love  
May God's love shine on our lives  
As we care and share and learn together



## **Statement of Intent**

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart. Additionally, it is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

## **Legal Framework**

This policy has due regard to all legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Education Act 2011
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010
- The General Data Protection Regulation
- Data Protection Act 2018

**This policy also has due regard to all relevant guidance including, but not limited to, the following:**

- DfE (2014) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2013) 'School Uniform'

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

**The Local Governing Board is responsible for:**

- In consultation with the Head Teacher and school community, establishing a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.

**The Head Teacher is responsible for:**

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that school staff understand this policy and know what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the Governing Board.
- Providing pupils with exemptions as appropriate e.g. for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.

### **Teaching and support staff are responsible for:**

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Taking appropriate action when pupils are in breach of this policy.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important e.g. to establish school identity.

### **Parents/carers are responsible for:**

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the Head Teacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including why.
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.
- Pupils are responsible for:
  - Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the Head Teacher has granted an exemption.
  - Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
  - Respecting why a school uniform is important to the school e.g. to develop a sense of belonging.

### **Cost and Availability**

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, St. Anne's Catholic Primary School ensures that the School Uniform Policy does not discourage parents/carers from applying for a place for their child.

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money.

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school does not enter into exclusive single supplier contracts or cash-back arrangements.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms.

Where changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

**The Governing Body of St. Anne's School has full regard for the implementation of their school uniform. If any family has any difficulty with providing appropriate school uniform for their child please do not hesitate to contact school and we can look at ways to support you including our excellent range of recycled uniform. Do get in touch where required.**

#### **Key factors below are addressed:-**

- cost considerations including good value and quality is of high priority.
- the availability of second hand school uniform and supporting parents as appropriate.
- branded items i.e. keep the use of the school logo to a minimum linked to additional cost.

**In line with the school prospectus (paper copies are available from the school office) the school logo is only required on the minimum number of items:-**

- **St. Anne's School RED jumper or**
- **St. Anne's School RED cardigan**
- **St. Anne's RED reading bag**
- **School green tie**
- ease of availability, working with local suppliers to school which are easily accessible for parents.
- regularly engage with parents and pupils when developing the School Uniform Policy.

The vast majority of the uniform can be purchased at local supermarkets which helps families get value for money. We would like to reiterate that if any family is struggling with uniform items please do not hesitate to get in touch with school. Our Inclusion team are always available to support you.

P.B. Sports School Uniform Supplier, Unit 8 Waterloo Avenue, Chelmsley Wood Industrial Estate. B37 6QQ is a recommended store.

We have chosen PB sports as a recommended supplier because it is local and within walking distance to support families. It also provides value for money. PB sports are fully aware of the minimal items that require the school logo:-

- school jumper or cardigan
- school tie
- school reading bag

All other items can be purchased from any local supermarket

### **Religious Clothing / Ceremonial Wear**

Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. The school does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school weighs the needs and rights of individual pupils against the health and safety concerns of the entire school community.

The School endeavours to allow religious requirements to be met, wherever possible. Governors have adopted a policy for the wearing of Ceremonial Wear. Please make an appointment with the Head / Deputy to discuss the policy and to make any requests for Ceremonial wear to be worn in school. Parents'/carers' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by case basis by the Head Teacher and Local Governing Board. This is always conducted in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy.

### **Non-Compliance**

On rare occasions, for example, if slogans on clothing are offensive, the Head Teacher and/or Deputy Head Teacher are permitted to ask a pupil to take off the clothing, such as a sweatshirt / jumper. In the event that they cannot take the clothing off, parents/carers will be contacted and they will be asked to bring in more suitable uniform/clothing.

On other occasions, for example, if a child is wearing inappropriate footwear, teaching and/or support staff will inform parents/carers by telephone or in-person. Individual family circumstances will be considered in the event that a child is not wearing the correct uniform.

### **Our Uniform**

The uniform is as follows:

- Red v neck jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- White shirt
- Grey trousers
- Green tie
- Grey skirt (in summer, a red and white /green and white summer dress may be worn)
- Black, sensible shoes (not trainers)
- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey or black or red tights

Trainers, open-toed sandals and large, thick boots are not considered suitable footwear for school. High heels are not permitted: sensible, plain black shoes must be worn by both boys and girls. Black jeans and leggings are not permitted in day-to-day uniform. All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

**Jewellery**

For safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery to school. The only jewellery allowed is a watch (not a smartwatch). Necklaces, bracelets, rings, or other decorative jewellery must not be worn in school.

Children may wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings only. Parents are encouraged to schedule ear piercing at the start of the summer holidays so children can participate fully in PE. Other earrings, such as hoops, dangly earrings, or other types of piercings are not permitted. We may ask a child to remove jewellery that is unsafe or does not follow the rules and expectations set out within this policy and the School Prospectus

## **PE Kit**

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their PE lesson wearing their PE kit. They can wear it for the full school day.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for PE.

The PE kit is as follows:

- Red polo shirt
- black zipped hoody or sweatshirt or normal school jumper - plain (no logos)
- black tracksuit bottoms /jogging bottoms/leggings – plain no logos
- Black shorts (in summer)
- Plain, suitable trainers or black pumps.
- All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's names.

The governing body are committed to supporting families who may have difficulties with the costs of uniform.

**Contact the Headteacher if you require any support with uniform.**

**Approved by the Full Governing Body following review: March 2026**

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