

# St. Francis CE (Aided) Junior School



## School Uniform Policy

### Our Vision

Through our planned curriculum, enrichment activities and school ethos, we aspire to develop our children into responsible global citizens who will be able to enjoy fully our diverse world and have many choices and opportunities open to them.

We hope that by Year 7 our children are able to shine their light further into the community (rather than hiding it), while maintaining a strong sense of self-identity, valuing who they are and showing humility and endurance in lifelong learning.

We take inspiration from Matthew 5: 14-16:

<sup>4</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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# SCHOOL UNIFORM

## INTRODUCTION

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours (unless otherwise stated). A complete list of acceptable items for uniform can be found in this policy.

### **Aims and Objectives**

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Provides a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Creates peer equality in terms of appearance
- Is designed with Health & Safety in mind

### **Uniform**

All uniform should be named. Any lost unnamed uniform will be taken to lost property. Lost property still unclaimed after one term will be sold or donated.

- Red jumpers / sweatshirts / cardigans
- Grey or black skirts / trousers / pinafores
- Grey shorts (boys)
- Red gingham dresses (girls)
- White shirt / blouse / polo shirt
- Sensible black shoes – no trainers or high heels
- Sandals must be worn with socks
- PE Kit – white t-shirt, green shorts, black pumps

### **Jewellery & Makeup**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and a watch. Children must remove or cover these items during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. No makeup or nail varnish should be worn in school.

### **Extreme Hairstyles**

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children and are not in keeping with the ethos of the school. This includes patterns shaved into the hair, excessive use of hair products (including hair dye) and false hair. The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones are not permitted in school under normal circumstances, as they are not required by students. If there is a specific reason for a child requiring a mobile phone to be brought to school, the parent/carer should make the request in writing, explaining the reasons. It should be addressed to the Head/Deputy. Cases will be dealt with on an individual basis.

### **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school dressed correctly and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. If there are serious reasons, for example, on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

### **The Role of Teachers and Support Staff**

All staff will set a good example in terms of dress. This should be determined by smart professional dress and can be varied according to the activities being taught. For example, PE should be taught in appropriate clothing and footwear.

### **The Role of Governors**

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. Governors ensure that the school uniform meets regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **The Role of the Headteacher**

The Headteacher will ensure that pupils and staff comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body. The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school.