

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'.



UNIFORM PROCEDURE

Approved by the Governing Body of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Approved by:	The FGB	Date:
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The school has a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

1 Introduction

1.1 At Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, by only asking that the jumper/cardigan, worn over the shirt/polo-shirt, features the school logo
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with 'micro pore' in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury. Pupils should not wear ear-rings if they are attending swimming lessons.

5. Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children e.g. Completely shaved heads; shaved designs; Mohawk cuts. Pupils' hair should not be cut shorter than a 'grade 1' cut.

Hair accessories such as hairbands, should be discreet and in school colours, children should be discouraged for wearing **large fancy hair bands**. Long hair should be **completely** tied up. The 'half up/half down' style is not permitted.

6. Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe footwear that is dark in colour. **Boots should not be worn** as they can present a health and safety risk.

7. Make up and Nail Varnish

Make up and nail varnish is not permitted.

8. PE/Games

Our P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. Trainers are worn for lessons. Some lessons require children to complete PE in their bare feet. Sometimes pupils require tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. **These must be black.**

NB: Reception children do NOT require a PE Kit until AFTER the Easter term.

9. The role of parents

9.1 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 correctly dressed 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 the school decides that there is a problem with clothing that a pupil is wearing parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.

9.2 The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are 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.

Items of clothing worn for religious reasons must be white, black or dark grey.

10. The role of staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve. A letter will be sent home to parents detailing where there is a breach of the uniform policy (see appendix 1).

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the headteacher in line with the school's behaviour policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

11. The role of governors

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through the Policy Review Committee. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

12. Uniform

Nursery children are expected to wear the school uniform as listed below.

In addition to the footwear outlined, Nursery children are encouraged to bring wellington boots into school to wear whilst outside during the wetter months.

Nursery Uniform:

Girls:

Grey Pinafore

White Polo Shirt

Grey Cardigan with Cerise stripe

White socks / grey tights

Black School Shoes

Wellington Boots

Boys:

Grey Trousers

White Polo Shirt

Grey Jumper with Cerise stripe

Grey Socks

Black School Shoes

Wellington Boots

In the summer term girls may wear a pink, check dress and boys may wear grey shorts.

Please ensure that **all** clothes (including shoes and socks) are **clearly** labelled with your child's name.

Please also note that children attending the Nursery will **not** require a PE kit. They will experience daily physical activity within the Nursery playground.

Autumn/Spring Term

Reception to Year 6 Uniform

Girls

Tie (Cyclamen (Pink)

White shirt with top button (not Polo Shirt)

Grey pinafore dress or grey skirt or grey tailored trousers

School Grey Cardigan or pullover – with a cerise stripe (Schools Day Direct)

Grey trousers or skirt (knee length)

Mid grey tights/white socks

Boys

Tie (Cyclamen Pink)

White shirt with top button (not Polo Shirt)

School Grey Pullover – with a cerise stripe (Schools Day Direct)

Mid grey trousers – shorts (mid grey)
Grey ankle socks/white socks.

Outdoor – We offer a school logo grey fleece (School Days Direct)
Footwear – Parents are encouraged to provide a suitable pair of black school shoes.

Fashion shoes, or boots are not appropriate.

Hats – In summer, hats should be worn. We offer a legionnaires cap with the school logo and these are available from the school office or School Days Direct.

In Autumn/Spring terms:

Children must wear their winter uniform as of the start of the autumn term in September; this has been agreed by Governors.

During winter months wellies / boots may be worn to school, but pupils must change into school shoes when the pupils arrive at school.

Summer term only:

Girls

Polycotton dress (cyclamen(Pink)/white check) for summer term only
Plain white knee or ankle socks (summer)

Boys

Maroon Polo Shirt
Tailored mid grey knee length shorts may be worn instead of trousers.
Grey/white ankle socks must be worn.

Template letter to give to parent when child does not wear correct uniform

Appendix 1

Date:

Child's Name:

Class:

Dear Parent

As a school we have high expectations of the children's presentation as well as their academic standards.

It is important that the correct uniform is being worn by all children across the school. However, it has been noticed today that your child is not wearing the correct school uniform. He/she was not wearing.....

After 7 days, should your child still not be wearing the correct uniform, you will be contacted and asked in to school to discuss the non-adherence to our uniform policy.

As a school we are here to support parents in all aspects of school life, therefore, if there are exceptional circumstances why your child is not wearing the correct uniform, please can you contact the school in confidence and we will do our best to resolve or help you with this situation.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Yours sincerely

Mr N Stopps
Acting Headteacher