St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Wesham

Uniform Policy 2026

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Groups Involved In Discussion	Headteacher Governors All Staff Parents

Mission Statement

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a welcoming Christ centred community where God's love is present in all that we think say and do.

Our school is a safe, happy place where every child is cherished, respected and valued. We inspire and guide each other to be the best we can be.

Through Christ's love, we embrace our sense of community, our faith, our children, our families and our opportunities to learn.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more"

Saint Oscar Romero

Revision History

Document Revision	Reason For Change	Date	Date Of Next Review
Version 1	Updated protocols	Awaiting 2024	As required
Version 2	To comply with DfE	July 2026	

Introduction and Aims

School policy, arrived at in consultation with governors and parents, states that school uniform should be worn by all children. Exceptions may only be made for medical or religious reasons in consultation with and in agreement of the Headteacher.

We believe that high standards of dress and a smartly worn school uniform are important for several reasons:

- It encourages a sense of community; to feel pride in being part of the Saint Joseph's School community.
- It reduces the scope for competitive dressing which can be a source of much unhappiness for children.
- It is practical and relatively inexpensive.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is committed to ensuring that school uniform remains affordable for families. In line with Department for Education guidance, the school has minimised the number of compulsory branded items and ensures that the majority of uniform can be purchased from a range of retailers, including supermarkets and high street stores.

Suppliers and Affordability

The school has carefully considered the cost of school uniform and follows Department for Education guidance on keeping uniform affordable.
The only compulsory branded items are:

- St Joseph's school jumper or cardigan with embroidered school badge
- St Joseph's school tie
- St Joseph's PE tracksuit top with embroidered school badge

These items are available from the school's approved uniform supplier.

All other uniform items may be purchased from any retailer, including supermarkets, department stores and high street shops, provided they meet the colours and style described in this policy.

The school also operates a pre-loved uniform scheme to support families and encourage sustainability.

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name. Unless labelled, staff will not be expected to look for missing items of clothing. A lost property box is kept at school, and routinely left for parents and children to check. This will be emptied at the end of the academic year if not claimed.

If a child does not have the appropriate uniform, staff will inform the parents via text message. If this is repeated, this will be followed by a verbal message / phone call to parents, and if persisting, parents will be asked into school to meet with the Headteacher to identify how the school can support parents in ensuring their child is properly equipped. School will continue to offer free pre-loved uniform (though donations can be made if parents wish and these will go to CAFOD).

Uniform

Winter:

Worn during the second half of the Autumn Term and throughout the Spring Term until Easter

- Grey skirt, pinafore, knee-length culottes or tailored trousers
- Pale blue shirt or blouse
- St Joseph's school tie
- St Joseph's jumper or cardigan with school badge
- Navy, grey or white socks/tights
- Black school shoes or boots
- School fleece or reversible jacket (optional)

All skirts, pinafores and dresses should be at least knee length.

Summer Uniform:

Worn during the Summer Term and first half of the Autumn Term

- Pale blue gingham dress

or

- Grey shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Pale blue short-sleeved shirt or blouse
- School jumper or cardigan with St Joseph's badge (if required)
- White or grey socks
- Black shoes or sandals
- School fleece (optional)

All skirts, pinafores and dresses should be at least knee length.

PE Kit

- Plain red T-shirt (school logo not required)
- Plain navy-blue shorts
- Plain navy/dark blue tracksuit bottoms
- St Joseph's PE tracksuit top with school badge
- Trainers
- Short white, grey or black socks
- Drawstring PE bag

The PE T-shirt must be plain and **must not** display commercial logos, branding, slogans or designs. This includes sports brands such as Nike, Adidas, Puma, Under Armour or similar.

For swimming, children should wear:

- Regulation swimming trunks; or
- A one-piece swimming costume

For sporting events, children may be required to wear shin pads or football boots. Parents will be informed in advance.

Make –up

Make-up (including nail polish) is not to be worn, pupils will be required to remove it.

Jewellery

In the interests of health, safety and consistency across local schools, jewellery must not be worn in school.

This includes:

- Earrings
- Necklaces
- Bracelets
- Rings
- Friendship bands
- Any other decorative jewellery

The only exception is a simple analogue wristwatch.

Children will be asked to remove any jewellery worn to school, and the school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to jewellery brought onto the premises.

Hairstyles:

Hair colour should be natural, and hairstyles must be appropriate to school. Tram-lines, patterns or 'mohican' styles are not appropriate. Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back in either a ponytail or plait. Hair ornaments should be appropriate to school - simple bands or 'bobbles'. Large, oversized and colourful hair accessories are not appropriate and children will be asked to remove them.

This policy will be reviewed regularly by the staff and the governing body.
Appendix 1: PE Kit
Appendix 2: Pictorial examples of uniform
Appendix 3: Written concern.

Appendix 1

The school PE kit is as follows:

- Plain red T-shirt
- Plain navy shorts
- Plain navy/dark blue tracksuit bottoms
- St Joseph's PE tracksuit top with school badge
- Properly fitting trainers
- Short white, grey or black socks

The red PE T-shirt must be plain and must not display any commercial logos, branding, slogans or designs.

Clarifications

1. Staff should also wear clothing appropriate for teaching PE.
2. Jewellery is not permitted and must not be brought to school.
3. Any difficulties regarding compliance with this policy should be discussed with the class teacher or Headteacher. Support may be available through the school's pre-loved uniform scheme.

Children without the Approved PE Kit

If a child does not have the appropriate PE kit, staff will inform the parents by text initially (see Uniform Policy Appendix 3). The child will be unable to participate fully in the planned activity and instead will be expected to observe the lesson and make notes (appropriate to age).

If this is repeated, this will be followed by a verbal message / phone call to parents, and if persisting, parents will be asked into school to meet with the Headteacher.

In individual circumstances, by prior approval with the Headteacher, it may be necessary for the child to wear alternatives to the approved PE kit.

Appendix 2

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<td><u>Winter:</u> (After Autumn half-term holiday, and throughout Spring Term)
Grey skirt / pinafore /knee length culottes or trousers
or Grey shorts / trousers
Pale blue buttoned shirt/ blouse.
School tie (clip on in FS / KS1)

Navy ‘V-neck’ jumper or cardigan with school badge.

Grey or white socks or tights.

All skirts, pinafores and dresses should be at least knee length.

School fleece or reversible jacket (optional)</td>
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<td><u>Summer:</u> (Summer term, and first half of Autumn Term)
Pale Blue gingham dress, grey tailored shorts.

<u>or</u>

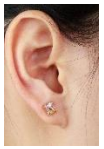
Winter uniform.

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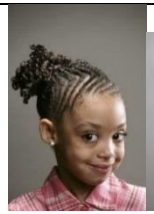
Black or brown shoes / boots or sandals.

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• No jewellery is permitted.
• The only exception is a simple analogue wristwatch.
• No make-up or nail varnish is allowed.
• Hair accessories should be simple and appropriate for school.
• Large, oversized or highly decorative accessories are not permitted.</td>
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Hairstyles must be appropriate to school. Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back in either a pony tail or plait.

No tram lines or patterns are allowed.</td>
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<td><u>PE Kit - Winter</u>
School track-suit top, navy tracksuit bottoms with red T-shirt worn underneath
Well-fitting trainers, black plimsolls</td>
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<td><u>PE Kit Summer</u>
Navy shorts
Red T-shirts
Short white or grey socks
Well-fitting trainers</td>
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Appendix 3

Child's name:		Class:
Your child did not follow the following aspect of our school uniform policy today. (please highlight as appropriate)		
Inappropriate hairstyle	School shoes	Winter / Summer uniform
Make up or nail varnish	PE kit	Other:
School Tie	Unauthorised Jewellery	
Signed (member of Staff) Name (print): Date:		

Please acknowledge receipt by signing below, and returning this form.

Signed (Parent / carer)   Name (print)