



St. Peter's R.C. Primary School

Uniform Policy

Introduction

The school policy for School Uniform was developed and agreed by governing body in September 2020.

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- set high standards which are reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform
- promote inclusivity
- promote a culture which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils
- prevent the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment
- maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school.

Uniform

In order to achieve our aims we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- a red jumper or cardigan*
- red or white polo t-shirt in Nursery to Year 5*
- black polo t-shirt in Year 6 (optional)*
- grey trousers or grey skirt of a reasonable length or grey pinafore*
- black, flat and sensible shoes – no boots or heels higher than 4cm inclusive of any platform*
- grey tights, dark socks or white socks
- grey shorts of a reasonable length*
- red gingham dress*
- sun hat or cap to protect from the sun.

Items marked * above are available to be purchased from the approved uniform supplier and are decorated with the school logo. Parents and carers can opt to purchase uniform without the school logo that are of the same colours and style.

School uniform is optional but encouraged for children in the Nursery class.

PE Kit

- House colour t-shirt (plain or with school logo) or white polo shirt.
- Black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms.
- Trainers.

Jewellery

- Pupils should not wear jewellery to school, except should a pupil have pierced ears, one pair of plain studs may be worn.
- In order to comply with health and safety regulations, stud earrings must be removed by the child before participation in PE and physical activity.

We request that parents who wish to allow their child to have their ear/s pierced wait until the summer holiday to do so. This should allow time for the ear/s to heal sufficiently to allow their child to remove stud earrings before PE and/or physical activity.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost or stolen.

Watches

- Watches may be worn to school. They must be removed, however, and collected by a staff member before PE lessons and/or physical activity.

Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches that are lost or stolen.

Hair

- Pupils should only wear a plain bobble, clips or a thin, plain hairband when necessary. These should not have adornments such as flowers or bows.
- Barrettes, bandanas, scarves, ribbons and wide headbands should not be worn.
- Long hair should be tied back with a plain bobble during PE and physical activity for safety.

Make Up

- No make-up or nail varnish should be worn.
- Pupils wearing make-up or nail varnish will be asked to remove it.

Equipment

- Bags to carry equipment and belongings in should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited.
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Headteacher.
- No medicine should ever be brought to school by a child with the exception of inhalers or Epi-pens. Please see the Health and Safety Policy for further details.
- Money should only be brought to school for a specific permissible purpose.

All the items above are readily available from the high street or supermarket. If parents and carers find it difficult to obtain any item, including for financial reasons, please contact the school. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense.

We expect all pupils to follow the dress code as written above.

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

Staff members should:

- set a good example in terms of dress
- remember that in our respective roles we serve the Diocese, Parish and local community as a group of professionals
- not wear tracksuits unless during a morning or afternoon session where PE or physical activity is being taught
- no jeans or denim to be worn unless agreed with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Support implementation of the Policy for pupils.

Role of the Headteacher

- The Headteacher should ensure that pupils and staff members 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.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body

- The Governing Body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform; handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues raised.
- This policy has been written in adherence to the Welsh Government guidelines on School Uniform and Appearance.

Role of the Parents/Carers

- To ensure that their child/children adhere/s to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that their child comes to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as curriculum enrichment or fundraising activities.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the personnel sub-committee of the Governing Body following the school's complaints procedure.

Equality

- All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. St. Peter's R.C. Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.
- The Governing body at St. Peter's R.C. Primary School will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions or medical need. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Headteacher and the Governing Body.
- We have taken into account the school's public sector equality duty when formulating this policy.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in the Summer Term 2021.