



St Herbert's RC Primary School

UNIFORM POLICY

Approved by Governors on: 8th March 2023

Date to be reviewed: Spring 2025

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body: *P Devine (Chair)*

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This policy is set within the context of the School Mission Statement:

“Strong in Faith, Hope and Love, for the Common Good”

and the School Ethos:

“By loving one another as God loves us, we can achieve spiritually and academically”

1 Rationale & Aims

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers.

Aims:

- All children wear the correct uniform to school
- Children feel proud to belong to the school
- Parents share the expectations of the school

2 Guidelines:

It is expected that children wear the school uniform each day, with the appropriate footwear.

Most elements of the uniform can be sourced from local retailers/supermarkets, with the exception of the school jumper, tie and PE t-shirt. The school jumper and tie can be purchased from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists, Union St, Oldham. PE t-shirts can be purchased from school.

If a child does not wear the correct uniform, a verbal or written reminder of our expectations will be communicated to the parents (see Appendix 1).

If a child arrives at school wearing inappropriate clothing which causes concern (eg. unsuitable for the weather, offensive/unsuitable slogans etc) then the school will provide uniform for the child to wear for the day.

PE kit should be kept in school all week and only taken home at weekends for washing.

Parents are asked to clearly label every item of clothing & footwear with their child's name.

The children are responsible for taking care of their own items of uniform.

There is a basket for lost property. Any items left unclaimed are periodically displayed, and then disposed of.

Hair should be kept tidy; we ask any children with long hair to tie it all back, no child should come to school with dyed hair or patterns/markings shaved into their head.

Make up of any kind should not be worn, including nail polish.

3 Special Events

Children are allowed to wear non-uniform on their birthday (or the day closest to it, if it falls on the weekend/holiday). We also occasionally hold non-uniform days to support various charities or for certain celebrations – these days are notified in advance to families via newsletters/emails.

4 School Support

As a school we support our families wherever possible. Spare uniform supplies, which are donated items, can be sourced from our Pastoral Lead, Mrs Collins.

5 Uniform Details

Winter

- Brown school jumper or cardigan
- White shirt and tie or white polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Summer

- As above plus green/white checked dress or grey school shorts/skorts

PE kit

- Yellow school PE t-shirt (school logo on the t-shirt)
- Plain black shorts/skorts
- Trainers and pumps (dependent on activity)
- A tracksuit is useful for outdoor activities during the winter months.
- Swimming kit for LKS2 pupils, when required. Details issued by the swimming service.

6 Health & Safety

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this are stud pierced ear-rings and a watch (no fitbits or smart watches). We ask children to remove these during PE lessons and swimming sessions. This is to prevent them from causing injury.

APPENDIX 1 – Standard letter to parents

Date:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Child's name: Class:

We noticed that your child did not wear their uniform to school today.

I'm sure you will appreciate the many advantages of our uniform policy, both at home and at school. As our policy states:

"We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables children to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents."

I would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that your child dresses appropriately every school day. Our uniform is as follows:

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Thank you for your support in this matter,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Milligan

Headteacher