

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School



Uniform Policy

Introduction

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and so promote a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school and enhances security. Smartness and high standards of appearance are always expected. We ask that all children wear the uniform and encourage them to maintain a good standard of clean and tidy dress in school. In addition, please label all items of school uniform.

Aims and objectives

We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Our uniform unites the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look prepared to learn.
- Uniforms make us equal. Pupils come to school looking the same way. No one feels a pressure to wear a type of fashionable clothing.

Our uniform is always complimented by visitors into our School. Children, parents, staff and governors are very proud of our uniform and always ensure high standards of presentation. Our uniform is part of the identity of Our Lady's and sets a very positive tone for belonging to Our Lady's Family and the excellent behaviour that is expected.

Parents and carers are expected to support our Uniform Policy by signing our Home School agreement on starting school. Parents/carers support our school staff's decision on whether clothing is in line with our policy or not.

Please note that Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School is the final arbiter of the appearance of pupils.

Racial Equality & Equal opportunities

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 such as equality, race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

1. Uniform Details

Autumn/Winter/Spring

Fine knit V-neck jumper or cardigan (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary logo)

White shirt long or short sleeved*

School Tie

Grey skirt/pinafore OR grey trousers*

Grey/black tights OR grey/white socks*

Reception Class children

Fine knit V-neck jumper or cardigan (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary logo)

Grey skirt/pinafore OR grey trousers*

Grey/black tights OR grey/white socks*

Blue Polo T-shirt

Summer (From after Easter break)

Blue and white gingham dress (not half white top) *

White Socks*

OR

Grey shorts* Blue Polo T-shirt

Grey socks*

PE Kit

T shirt (white) with or without OLPS logo

Shorts (royal blue),

navy blue/ black tracksuit bottoms

Black Pumps and/or Trainers

*All the items above readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any item difficult to obtain, please contact the school office. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense and can be purchased from Laser School Wear and Boydell's.

2. Outdoor Clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Hats and scarves could also be worn for the outdoors but not inside the school building.

3. Bags and belongings

A royal blue book bag is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. Rucksacks and large bags should not be brought into school as they are too large to store in a limited space.

4. Hats, headscarves or headwear.

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious, medical, or cultural reasons. Any hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and small and in school colours (blue or yellow).

5. Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed at all times. Long hair for ALL pupils should be tied back neatly using bobbles or ribbons in school colours (blue or yellow). This is not only for reasons of smartness of appearance but for health and safety.

Pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities. This means any long fringes needs to be clipped back or tied back.

Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.

6. Fingernail polish and makeup

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed. There will be a request to remove these items. Failure to do so may result in a sanction.

7. Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with flat sole. Boots are not allowed. High heels or wedges are not permitted in school. Flip flops are not permitted in school.

8. Jewellery / accessories

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for one watch only (no Smart watches are allowed). Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe. All studs must be removed for PE. Please note that the school will be unable to take responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.

9. Name clothing and property.

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

10. Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property box. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this box. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term and given to a local children's charity.

11. Recycled Uniform

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office. We will be developing a recycled uniform sale in the future.

12. Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not allowed in school unless there is a prior agreement with the parent/carer for children in Year 5 and 6. This will be in exceptional circumstances only. Phones must be handed into the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Phones will not be allowed to be used on school property. Any inappropriate use may result in a ban and will be confiscated.

NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states: 'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school's ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'