Living and Learning through Christ

St Bernadette

Uniform Policy

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Equality Statement

The Governing Board has considered the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) in the development and approval of this policy. The school is committed to eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations. Due regard has been given to the potential impact of this policy on pupils, staff, governors, parents, carers and other members of the school community who share protected characteristics

At St Bernadette Catholic Primary School Catholicity permeates all aspects of teaching and learning. Our values and beliefs aim to provide a strong level of coherence and focus which enriches the whole child. High standards are expected and articulated so that they are made explicit to all.

Why wear a Uniform?

- Wearing a uniform instills a sense of pride and discipline in students.
- It stops children worrying about what to wear each day.
- Everyone is equal.
- Parents don't have to shop for expensive and varied wardrobes for their children to keep up with or show off to other children.
- When we go on a school trip, we are easy to spot in a crowd.

Our uniform is as follows:

- School sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper - with school logo, if possible.
- White shirt or polo shirt – with or without the school logo.
- Grey or black skirts, trousers, or tunic/pinafore. No jeans.
- Summer Uniform: dresses or short suits in blue gingham, black or grey shorts.
- Black school shoes.
- Sensible trainers for PE days.
- Appropriate boots may be worn in winter.

For PE children need:

Children can wear their PE kits to school on the days of their PE sessions.

- Plain white PE t-shirt.

- Black or Navy PE shorts or plain navy/black jogging bottoms.
- Shorts are required for gym sessions.
- Sensible trainers.
- School sweatshirt, cardigan.
- PE will continue outdoors through the autumn and winter seasons (weather permitting), children should have an additional blue/black/navy fleece to wear in addition to their school jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt - not instead of.

Inappropriate kit, especially footwear, is a health and safety issue and your child may not be able to participate in PE activities without it. Long hair must always be tied back for health and safety reasons. Stud earrings only!

For Swimming PE lessons children need:

- Plain coloured swimsuit/costume (no bikinis or tankinis)
- Plain coloured above the knee swim shorts unless religious swimwear is to be worn • Goggles and a hat, if desired.
- Children may wear their PE kit to school on swimming days to speed up getting dressed and undressed before and after the lesson.

NAME/LABEL

Please ensure your child's name is on all items of clothing to prevent loss of uniform or confusion in a class of 30 or more children.

Where to buy uniform:

Parents can buy our sweatshirts, polo shirts, and book bags from:

Monkhouse: www.monkhouse.com

Alternatively, most local supermarkets sell the correct coloured uniform items. Please make sure you do not leave buying uniform to the last few days of the summer holidays as it can be unavailable.

We also have lots of good quality secondhand uniform which is donated throughout the year. Please ask Miss Campbell in the office if you would like any.

Jewellery:

For health & safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn including friendship bracelets. Children are allowed to wear a watch (No smart or games watches) and small stud earrings not exceeding 3 mm.
All jewellery remains the responsibility of the child.

Hair, Make up and Cosmetics:

- Make up and cosmetics, including nail varnish and temporary tattoos, are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.
- Shoes: Black school shoes should be worn. Appropriate sandals may be worn in the summer. Boots may be worn in the winter. High heeled shoes are inappropriate and not permitted.

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