



St Francis
Catholic Primary School

School Uniform Policy

School Uniform

The school uniform worn by pupils at St Francis is a very important part of the school's heritage and reflects our culture of high expectations and academic achievement.

All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times. We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their St Francis uniform that they will abide by the rules of the community and it promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look neat and ready to learn.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way.
- It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community
- Uniforms reduce distractions.

We ask parents to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

The school's Governing Body decide the policy for school uniform which is reviewed periodically and request that the policy is adhered to by all families in a consistent way.

It is understood that parents who send their children to the school will fully support this policy

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. Parents of pupils that do not wear the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform into school.

If this is not possible then pupils may be provided with the correct item of uniform, they are missing for the day.

There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents should share the reasons with the class teacher. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. We encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

Following a survey of parents there is an overwhelming agreement with the following school uniform policy.

The uniform is as follows:

Girls

School Tie

Brown pinafore dress/skirt

Brown trousers (OPTIONAL - this style only - available from DECO)

Gold blouse (tailored) - Long or short sleeved

Brown cardigan/pullover

Brown or black socks/tights or white socks

Yellow candy-stripe or checked summer dress

Brown or black shoes

Brown school fleece



BOYS

School Tie

Brown trousers/tailored shorts

Gold shirt (tailored) Long or short sleeved

Brown pullover/jumper

Brown, black or white socks

Brown or black shoes

Brown school fleece



PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH NAMES.

Uniform Suppliers

All school uniform requirements including book bags, PE bags and Baseball caps can be purchased from **Deco Schoolwear**.

Ordering can be done online at <http://www.st-francis.deco-uniforms.com/shop> or by telephone order on 01572 821 665.

Uniform items can also be purchased locally from Kidzone.

Footwear

Shoes should be brown or black and should not have deep heels (more than one inch)

Sandals with open toes at school are dangerous and should not be worn.

Boots are not appropriate - the uniform does not include boots i.e., footwear reaching above the ankle.

Jewellery

Plain ear studs are the only jewellery allowed in school – only one stud allowed per ear.

These must be removed for P.E. and swimming.

It is preferable for ear-piercing to take place during the summer holidays to allow time for healing to take place.

Watches

Watches may be worn from Year 3 onwards. (Watches 'bleeping' in class may be confiscated as they disturb others).

Hair

Long hair should be tied back using yellow or brown bands, flat grips, etc. No artificial braids or hair jewellery allowed. No extreme haircuts.

Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed.

Outdoor clothing

Pupils should bring a suitable school coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather.

Hats, scarves and boots should not to be worn inside the school buildings. Sun hats should be worn outside during the hotter summer months.

Non-School Uniform Days/Events

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g., when taking part in school trips, wearing different clothes as a part of a fund-raising event or topic activity day. Parents will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

Naming 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.

Printed name labels can be ordered from the school's uniform supplier.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in lost property. We endeavour to return all named property to pupils. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through the lost property collected. All unclaimed lost property is put out for parents periodically throughout the school year. At the end of the school year, all unclaimed items of uniform will be disposed of or donated to charity.