

Uniform Policy September 2023

School Uniform Policy

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes 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 it enhances security. The uniform has been chosen following consultation with children, parents, staff and The Academy Committee. It reflects the needs of the cultural traditions represented at our school.

At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, we believe that a school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.


Our Uniform Policy is non-negotiable, and we expect the full support of parents in helping us ensure every child at Sacred Heart is smart and proud to be a part of our school family. When children are on visits and representing our school – we always receive compliments on how smart and proud our children are – long may this continue!

‘We are smart at Sacred Heart!’

All children wear school uniform. The jumper, tie and polo shirt must be personalised for Sacred Heart. These items - * are available to buy at Cat Ballou, City Centre, Coventry although skirts, trousers and other items can be bought at any reputable shop.

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<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>	
<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
<p>Named blue-checked gingham dress or *Named royal blue school polo shirt with crest and grey skirt Black shoes/ sandals with backs on them (not boots) White socks Black shorts can be worn underneath summer dresses (optional).</p>	<p>Named white shirt and tie *Named royal blue sweat top in blue with crest Named grey skirt, pinafore or trousers (not fashion trousers see note below) White socks, grey tights, black shoes (not boots)</p>	<p>*Named royal blue school polo shirt Named grey shorts or trousers Black shoes/ sandals with backs on them (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo) (not boots) Grey socks</p>	<p>Named white shirt and *tie *Named royal blue V neck jumper with school logo Grey socks, grey trousers (long or short) Black shoes (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo) (not boots)</p>
Children must also have a pair of wellies in school (Compulsory) they will be left in the school wellie shed.			
<p>Trousers Plain tailored to the ankle with no additional decorations. No tight-fitting trousers, legging type trousers or hipsters. Denim or corduroy is not permitted.</p>		<p>Optional items from Cat Ballou School reading bag and school coat.</p>	

P.E.Kit

<u>Indoor</u>	<u>Outdoor (Winter)</u>	<u>Outdoor (Summer)</u>
<p>* Named black Shorts (no logo) * Named blue School T-Shirt (with crest) * Black pumps (bare feet for dance and gym) * Named drawstring bag with name on.</p>	<p>* Named black or navy jogging bottoms * Named black or navy jogging top or sweatshirt (no logo) * Trainers (Optional) Named hoodies are available for £15 and from Andy Blair's School Wear shop or to order online</p>	<p>* Named black shorts * Named blue Sacred Heart T-Shirt * Trainers</p>

*Items can be bought from Cat Ballou

Action to be taken if a child presents without PE uniform.

1. **Teachers** will let parents know if a child does not have a uniform and send a letter home to be signed by the parent.
2. After three occasions the Leader of Learning will phone or meet with the parents to enquire why they are not ensuring that their child has the correct kit.
3. Meeting requested with a member of SLT and parents.

It is a national curriculum statutory requirement and our school expectation that all children receive their entitlement and take part in all PE lessons.

Footwear

No trainers are allowed as indoor shoes, or sport branded shoes and we ask that you **fully** support us in this aspect of the uniform.

School shoes should be worn, and we ask that they are without a sport logo. Also any form of boot is not permitted, unless medically required.



Named Clothing and Belongings

Please ensure your child's clothing and belonging (including hats scarves and lunch bags!) are labelled. Stickers or labels can be added, or fabric pens used to label items. It makes it easier for us as a school to return any lost items. All lost property is stored in the studio classroom (just off the playground) in labelled drawers. At the end of each half term the lost property is put on the playground for collection. After this, all the lost property is taken to the charity shop.



Polish - Upewnij się elementy wszystkich dzieci odzieży są oznaczone imieniem dziecka i klasy.

French - Veuillez-vous assurer que les articles de tous les enfants de vêtements sont étiquetés avec le nom et la classe de l'enfant.

Hair

Hair should be tidy and neat, suitable for school. We request that children do not have **extreme fashionable hair, shaved**, especially tram lines or **chemically coloured or extended** hair.

Long hair should be tied back so that it is tidy.



- Girls and Boys hair below shoulder length to be tied back.
- Hair bobbles and clips should be small and in the school colours, white, gold or blue. No Jo Jo Bows.
- Large hair accessories are not allowed for health and safety reasons



No beads please!
Hair bands are far safer!



Please no tram lines
Save until the Summer holidays so they
can grow out ready for September



No coloured hair/ extensions please!
Unnatural colours and extensive
highlighting is not allowed.

Jewellery and Make-Up

- Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish on fingers or toes while they are at school. If a child comes to school wearing nail varnish, they will be issued with a warning letter. If on the following day the child returns and is still wearing nail varnish, then they will be sent to the Pastoral Support Manager's office to remove it.
- Children are not permitted to wear make-up at school, provision will be made in the Pastoral Support Manager's office for its removal.
- Children are not permitted to wear plastic bracelets.
- Children are permitted to wear a small watch around their wrist.

The Academy Committee agreed that we will continue to ask children to remove all pieces of jewellery before PE including earrings. We ask that children take out their earrings before school on PE days or that children independently remove earrings before a lesson.

Staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Any earrings worn should be plain gold studs. Risk assessments are in place for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Please note that LA advice is that a plaster covering an earring is not sufficient in eliminating risk. The majority of Coventry schools follow this advice in their policy.

- Earrings must be removed before PE by the child or in the morning by the parent (for health and safety reasons staff cannot remove).
 - As staff are not permitted to remove or replace earrings under the Health & Safety Regulations, it is essential that all children wearing stud earrings are able to take them out and replace them themselves in time for the PE Lesson. The responsibility for the safe keeping of jewellery rests with the owner i.e., the child.
 - Please note if earrings can't be removed as they are newly pierced, children will exclude themselves from PE for the duration. We appreciate with First Holy Communion and Confirmation and therefore we encourage parents to get piercings done at the beginning of the summer holidays the year before so that earrings are able to be removed on return in September.
- Please make sure that earrings are **PLAIN** gold studs
- **No** other jewellery **must** be worn in school, including bracelets (including charity ones), rings, with the exception of a watch.

Top Tip - to avoid a period of time from PE we encourage ear piercing at the beginning of the Summer holidays.

For Holy Communion we advise piercing ears in the July of Year 2

