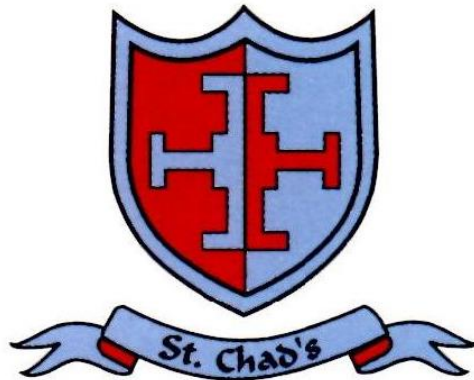


St Chad's Catholic Primary School



Uniform and Appearance Policy

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1. Mission Statement

‘Be who you were created to be...’

St. Catherine of Siena.

At St. Chad’s this means that, with Christ in our hearts, we:

Nurture our faith

Grow as a family

Flourish in all we do

2. Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours (unless otherwise stated). A complete list of acceptable items for uniform can be found in this policy.

3. Aims & principles

Our policy for school uniform and presentation is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Provides a sense of community and belonging
- Is practical, affordable and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Promotes peer equality, in terms of appearance
- Removes barriers of fashion and appearance
- Promotes developing the uniqueness of children, in terms of focusing on talents, gifts and character traits rather than appearance.
- Is designed with Health & Safety in mind

4. School Uniform

We have school uniform and we encourage all our children to wear their uniform smartly. All items of uniform must be labelled. It consists of the following:

- Sky blue polo shirt with school badge (from our uniform supplier)
- Burgundy jumper/cardigan with school badge (from our uniform supplier)
- Charcoal/grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts
- Girls or boys may wear trousers or shorts
- Grey/white socks
- Blue and white checked dress for summer if desired (Summer Term only)
- Sensible black school shoes
- Coats should be suitable for cold and wet weather and should be brought to school every day.

5. PE Kit

We require that our pupils come to school dressed in their PE kit on their designated PE day which they then wear for the full day. The PE kit consists of :

- Burgundy sports polo top with the school badge (from our uniform supplier)

- Plain black sports leggings / sports pants / joggers (either available from our uniform supplier or you can buy from any shop / supermarket / retailer)
N.B. shorts should be no shorter than standard cycling shorts length. Very short shorts are not appropriate.
- A suitable pair of trainers.

It is parents'/carers' responsibility to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct PE kit on their child's designated PE day.

General notes on appearance and presentation:

Jewellery:

- Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school (watches are not classed as jewellery)
- If ears are pierced, ONE pair of discreet studs may be worn. LCC policy states that earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves they should not come to school with them in on PE days.
- No other body piercing, i.e. nose piercings are not allowed.

Hairstyles:

- Hair should not be 'out of the ordinary', rather a style in-keeping with what is 'ordinary' in school.
- The definition of an 'out of the ordinary' hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher based on the aims of this policy and guidance below.
- Hair should be one natural colour, no hair dye.
- The hairstyle should be appropriate for school, hair should not obstruct a pupil's vision.
- Pupils with long hair must have it tied back.
- If a hair-style is causing a distraction for the child, parents should consider changing the style to enable the child to concentrate on learning.
- Boys with shaved hair should have it no shorter than Grade 2.
- Shaved parts should be graduated towards the longer length on top, i.e. no distinct contrast between short and long.
- Tramlines, patterns and sculpting is not allowed.

Students must not wear:

- Hoodies or sportswear.
- Any kind of boots (wellingtons are allowed in wet weather/snow but must be changed when inside the school buildings).
- Leather or denim clothing, including coats and over-wear.
- Trainers are NOT allowed to be worn at any time other than on your child's designated PE day and clubs.
- Make up and nail varnish should NOT be worn to school, including transfer tattoos and face paint.

6. Non-compliance with the uniform and appearance policy:

- Parents of children who do not wear the correct uniform, will be contacted and requested to bring in a change of clothes for their child.
- Children who wear make-up/nail varnish or jewellery will be required to remove these. Items of jewellery will be confiscated by the teacher to be collected by the parent.
- If a hairstyle contravenes the school policy, parents will be informed and asked to make arrangements to change the style.
- Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction which may include exclusion.

7. Roles and responsibilities

The Governing Body is responsible for setting and approving policies. It is the responsibility of parents and children to adhere to the school policy. The Headteacher, supported on a daily basis by the Staff, will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing Body. The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the policy throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school. The Headteacher may apply discretion in some circumstances, e.g. when a child has specific medical needs.

Whilst the school would always wish to work with parents to ensure all pupils comply with this policy; in accordance with Department for Education guidance, the school can discipline your child for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform if they repeatedly ignore this policy.