

# Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School



## School Uniform Policy

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### Mission Statement

Our school is a place where we respect the views and value the opinions of everyone.

We encourage the development of behaviour and attitudes which reflect the life of Christ and the teachings of the gospel and so nurture the appreciation of every individual regardless of race, gender, colour or creed.

We endeavour to involve teachers, parents, governors and the wider community in the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social development of our children. We strive to help our young people become more independent, making their own decisions and taking responsibility for themselves and others.

**“Jesus holds my hand and guides me on my way”**

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### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

### **2 Aims and Objectives**

- 2.1 Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:
- 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.

### **3 Jewellery**

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster. It is preferable that children do not wear ear studs on PE/ Swimming days.

### **4 Extreme Haircuts**

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

### **5 Footwear**

- 5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow coloured trainers or boots. We require all children to wear the types of shoe/trainers described in the uniform list.

### **6 The Role of Parents**

- 6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

## **7 The Role of Governors**

- 7.1 The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2 It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.
- 7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **8 Monitoring and Review**

- 8.1 When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:
- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
  - consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
  - require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.
- 8.2 This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every year, or earlier if considered necessary.