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Uniform policy

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Our Vision

Striving to deliver exceptional Catholic education
that inspires us to be the very best versions of ourselves

Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life in all its fullness" (John 10:10).

We are proud of our school and its uniform and it is our policy that all children wear it with pride when attending school or when taking part in a school-organised event, inside or outside of normal school hours.

Our School Uniform Policy seeks to ensure that all pupils have equal access to school uniform and are not disadvantaged by the cost of our uniform. Our School Uniform Policy is rooted in Gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching in its provision for affordable, unbranded and 'pre-loved' uniform through our second-hand Turnaround Uniform shop based at our local Catholic Church. The children experience the joys of life in all its fullness, giving them an excellent springboard for their next step of education and a strong foundation for the rest of their lives.

This school uniform policy was originally drawn up following consultation with parents, staff, governors and pupils, and has been adapted with reference to the DfE Statutory Guidance on the Cost of School Uniforms (November 2021)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms> and the DfE School Uniforms Guidance (November 2021)
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Our school uniform, which displays our school logo is smart, yet practical and affordable. It can be obtained from the Marks and Spencers School Uniform service - <http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/>

We believe that a school uniform promotes:

- A sense of pride in the school
- A sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Respect
- A feeling of equality between peers
- A smart and sensible attire designed with health and safety in mind

Our school uniform also plays a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity

Inspired to be the very best version of ourselves

- setting an appropriate tone for education

Girls Uniform

- Coat/jacket (any colour)
- Optional branded fleece
- Navy blue pleated pinafore dress / skirt or grey trousers (leggings / jersey style trousers are not permitted)
- Winter: White blouse worn with royal blue tie (tie up or elastic) OR white polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Summer: White polo shirt with/without logo and navy pleated skirt OR light blue and white checked dress
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan with/without logo
- Thick navy blue tights for the winter months
- White knee length or ankle socks
- Sensible black outdoor shoes or trainers (trainers worn as school shoes should be completely black with no other colour details, soles or laces)
- School bookbag only (no rucksacks)
- Good quality waterproof (not water-resistant) trousers and coat (we play outside in all weathers!)

Boys Uniform

- Coat / jacket (any colour)
- Optional branded fleece
- Grey long trousers or shorts
- Winter: White shirt worn with royal blue tie (tie up or elastic) OR white polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Summer: White polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Navy blue jumper with logo
- Black / grey / navy socks
- Sensible black outdoor shoes or trainers (trainers worn as school shoes should be completely black with no other colour details, soles or laces)
- School bookbag only (no rucksacks)
- Good quality waterproof (not water-resistant) trousers and coat (we play outside in all weathers!)

PE/Sports Kit (same for girls/boys)

- Round necked white or navy T-shirt with/without logo
- Navy blue PE shorts or cycling shorts
- Trainers for outdoor activities (infants & juniors)
- Black plimsolls (elasticated for infants) for indoor PE only - optional
- For colder weather: Tracksuit (navy) - with/without logo
- YR: drawstring sports bag - navy with/without logo (available from school)

Footwear

All children must wear appropriate footwear, which must be able to fasten with Velcro, laces or buckles. Slip-on shoes and shoes that have platform soles, high heels or inadequate fastenings are not appropriate for school uniform.

Please ensure names are clearly written inside all school uniform.

Hair and accessories

Long hair must be at least partly tied back (half-up, half-down) at school and should be fully tied back during PE.

Jewellery and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Second-hand uniform: The Turnaround Shop

The Turnaround Shop is our second-hand uniform shop, set up and run by pupil eco-team volunteers and church volunteers. A wide range of St Augustine's branded and non-branded good quality second-hand uniform is available at minimal cost, and can be provided free of charge to families in need. The Turnaround Shop is based in the shop in the upper car park at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Lower Blackhouse Hill, Hythe, Kent and is open every Tuesday morning from 10am-12 noon, or on request.

Please note:

Hair styles must be reasonable and in sympathy with our school uniform. Extreme colours, spikes, shaving or sculpting is not considered suitable for school and should be reserved for holidays or weekends. Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Jewellery is not allowed in school. Small studs or sleepers can only be worn in pierced ears. Earrings must be removed before participating in PE lessons (including swimming). If a child is not able to remove their own earrings parents/carers should do so before school on a PE day. A teacher may ask a child wearing earrings not to participate in an activity if they feel the risk is sufficient.

All items of clothing and possessions must be clearly marked. The School cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to pupil's personal property.

Our school uniform is available from Marks and Spencer's. Best value principles will be considered when reviewing this policy.