St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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Our Mission Statement

"Let your light shine"

Jesus said "I am the light of world whoever follows me will have the light of life."

Our Values

We are passionate about learning

We are kind

We are respectful

We make a difference

School Uniform Policy

1. Aims

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School believes that school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride and community. It helps pupils feel part of the school and supports a positive learning environment.

The school is committed to ensuring that uniform is practical, inclusive and affordable for all families.

2. School Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear appropriate school uniform when attending school and representing the school at school-related events.

Winter uniform (1 October to the Easter break)

Navy pinafore dress or skirt

Navy trousers

Pale blue blouse or shirt

School sweatshirt or cardigan * *branded item*

School tie **branded item*

Navy socks or tights

Black shoes

Summer uniform (after the Easter break to 30 September)

Light blue checked dress

Navy shorts

Pale blue polo shirt **branded item*

Navy socks

Parents may purchase generic uniform items from a range of retailers, provided they meet the school's requirements for colour and style.

3. Physical Education (PE) Kit

Pupils should have the following PE kit:

School PE polo shirt

Navy shorts

Trainers

PE kit should be kept in a named drawstring bag. No additional branded sportswear is required.

4. School Bags

Pupils may use a suitable school bag for carrying their belongings. School-branded book bags for Reception to Year 2 and rucksacks for Years 3 to 6 may be available as optional items. Generic alternatives are permitted.

5. Branded Uniform Items

In accordance with statutory guidance, the school limits compulsory branded school uniform and PE kit to the following three items:

School PE polo shirt

School sweatshirt or cardigan

School tie

These are the only compulsory branded items. All other uniform items may be purchased from a range of retailers, provided they meet the school's requirements for colour and style.

Parents may choose generic alternatives for all other uniform items. Optional branded items may be worn, but an equivalent generic item must also be permitted where appropriate.

The school will keep uniform requirements under review to ensure compliance with statutory guidance and to maintain affordability for all families.

6. Affordable and Accessible Uniform

The school gives priority to affordability and value for money when reviewing its uniform requirements.

Generic items should be available from a range of retailers, allowing parents to choose options that suit their budgets. The school will consider the cost of individual items and the overall cost of uniform, particularly for families on low incomes.

Parents experiencing financial difficulties in obtaining uniform are encouraged to contact the school office in confidence to discuss available support.

7. Second-hand Uniform

The school provides second-hand uniform items, which are stored at the school.

Parents and carers who would like to obtain second-hand uniform should contact the school office for information about availability and collection arrangements.

Second-hand uniform helps families access suitable clothing at a lower cost and supports the reuse of uniform items.

Information about second-hand uniform will be made available to current and prospective parents.

8. Equality and Inclusion

The school will consider individual requests for reasonable adjustments to uniform requirements, taking account of disability, medical needs and other relevant circumstances.

Uniform requirements will be applied fairly and in accordance with the school's legal obligations.

9. Roles and Responsibilities

Parents and carers are asked to support the policy by ensuring that children attend school in appropriate uniform, where reasonably possible.

The school will communicate uniform requirements clearly and respond sensitively where families experience difficulties obtaining uniform.

10. Monitoring and Review

The governing board will review this policy regularly to ensure that it remains appropriate, affordable and compliant with current statutory guidance.

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