

St Vincent De Paul R.C. Primary School, Knutsford

Mission Statement:
Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10



School Uniform Policy

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Statement of Intent

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.

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

Ensure that within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The schools concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates. The Governing body will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Dark green sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt (with school logo if desired)
- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts
- Socks: Grey or white. Tights in winter
- Green gingham or striped dresses (Summer)
- Smart black school shoes
- Any cap to protect from the sun

PE Kit

- White shirt with school logo
- Green shorts (or jogging bottoms in winter)
- Dark coloured outdoor sweatshirt/tracksuit top
- Black pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors

Jewellery

- For reasons of health and safety and safe keeping no jewellery is allowed in school.

Make Up

No make-up or nail varnish should be worn.

Equipment

- Pencil cases can be brought into school for junior children and they remain the responsibility of the child.
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the child's parent contacting the school office. Any mobile phones brought into school will be retained by the school office during the school day.

- No medicine should ever be brought to school by a child. Any prescribed medication should be given in to the school office and the relevant paperwork completed.
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose.
- Bags to carry equipment and belongings in should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited.

Hair

- We expect hair to be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Any style or colour deemed inappropriate by the school will result in a discussion between the child's parent and Head Teacher in order to find reconciliation.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Second Hand Uniform

Second-hand uniform is available for parents to acquire via school office or at PTA events. Please email admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk with any second-hand uniform requests.

School Uniform Ordering.

School uniform with our logo on can be purchased online from our uniform supplier - Gooddies

<https://gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-vincent-de-paul-catholic-primary-school/>

School uniform with no logo can be purchased from all retail shops.

All school uniform needs to be labelled. It is essential that all clothing be clearly marked with your child's name. This includes P.E. kit, outdoor clothes and shoes.

Role of the Head Teacher and Governing Body

- The Head Teacher to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the Governing body.
- The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform handling it respectfully, considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DfE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties, charity fun raising, theme and own clothes days.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school's uniform policy by following the school complaints procedure.