

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy



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1. Introduction

At Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School, we are committed to fostering a community rooted in faith, respect, and dignity. We believe that a school uniform is important in helping pupils feel a sense of belonging and pride in their school. Our uniform is designed to be practical, affordable, and inclusive, in line with the Department for Education (DfE) guidance on school uniforms.

2. Aims of This Policy

This policy aims to:

- Promote a strong sense of community and pride in the school
- Support equality and reduce distractions or competition
- Be affordable and accessible to all families
- Provide flexibility and comfort for pupils
- To ensure pupils are dressed appropriately for learning and school activities
- Reflect latest guidance from the Department for Education

3. Uniform Requirements

Early and Lower Phase

Light blue polo shirt with collar and school badge
Blue V neck jumper/cardigan with gold stripe on the collar
Dark grey school trousers or dark grey school shorts
Dark grey pinafore dress/dark grey skirt
Dark grey socks/tights
Black shoes (no trainers)
School bookbag with school logo – no rucksacks
SUMMER
Light blue gingham dress/white socks

Middle and Upper Phase

Light blue short-sleeve/long sleeve shirt with collar and school badge
School tie (all year)
Blue V neck jumper/blue cardigan with gold stripe on the collar
Dark grey school trousers or dark grey school shorts
Dark grey skirt
Dark grey socks
Black shoes, no logo (no trainers)
Small rucksack style bag – this must fit in school lockers
SUMMER
Light blue gingham dress/white socks

P.E Uniform

Royal blue and yellow t-shirt from uniform suppliers
Plain black shorts/skort (not cycling shorts)
Black slip-on pumps (for use in the school hall) Early and Lower Phase
Trainers (for use on the school playground or field)
WINTER
Black or navy tracksuit bottoms (no logos, stripes or leggings)
Black or navy tracksuit top
Long hair must be tied back for PE lessons due to health and safety

General

No jewellery. If children have had their ears pierced, they may wear a simple gold/silver stud earring. No diamond or character earrings
Watches – only analogue/digital, no smart watches
Hair should be tidy and neat
Hair accessories – simple and plain blue
No nail polish or false nails

4. Affordability and Accessibility

We are committed to keeping uniform costs as low as possible. We:

- Avoid unnecessary school branded items
- Offer pre-loved uniform sales each term

5. Religious and Cultural Requirements

We respect the needs of all pupils. Adjustments to uniform will be made where necessary to accommodate religious beliefs and cultural traditions. Please contact the school to discuss specific needs.

6. Pupils with SEND

We make reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) where necessary to support comfort, accessibility, or sensory needs. Please speak to the SENCO for an agreed adjustment.

7. Parental Responsibility

Parents and carers are expected to support the school by ensuring their child comes to school in the correct uniform each day. All items should be **clearly labelled**.

8. Non-Compliance

If a pupil is not in correct uniform:

- A verbal and written reminder will be sent home. Parents and carers are asked to ensure correct uniform is worn.

- If there are difficulties obtaining uniform, the school will work with families to provide support

We will always approach this sensitively, working in partnership with parents.

9. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually. We also ensure compliance with the DfE's statutory guidance and the Equality Act 2010.

Wear uniform with pride at the Wayside