

# St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Part of the St John Bosco MAC

## Uniform Policy



### **CRC Article 29(Goals of education)**

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

## **Statement of Intent**

St Chad's Catholic Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart.

Additionally, it is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children, regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance.

We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire

We all believe that a school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- It looks smart and gives a sense of belonging
- It eliminates social problems caused by latest fashion fads
- It contributes to a feeling of pride within our school

## **The Role of the Governors**

The Governing Board is responsible for:

- In consultation with the Executive Principal or Head of School and school community, establishing a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that equal opportunities are considered regarding the school's uniform and that no person is discriminated against.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents/carers, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.

## **Monitoring and Review**

This policy is updated annually. The last update was on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The governing board monitors and reviews the school Uniform Policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

## **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items.

If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the Uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher and then the Governors.

## **Cost and Availability**

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, St Chad's Catholic Primary School ensures that the School's Uniform Policy does not discourage parents/carers from applying for a place for their child.

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money.

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school works with local suppliers to obtain the best value for money possible. Any savings negotiated are passed to parents where possible.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms.

Where changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents/carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

## **Our school uniform consists of:**

### **Boys:**

#### Winter Uniform

Green, white or red & white checked shirt

Red tie

Grey trousers

Green V-neck sweater or green cardigan

Grey socks

Black shoes

### Summer Uniform

Green Shirt  
Green V-neck sweatshirt  
Grey shorts or long grey trousers  
Grey socks  
Black shoes

### **Girls:**

#### Winter Uniform.

Burgundy / green tartan skirt, burgundy / green tartan pinafore or grey skirt / trousers  
Green or white shirt  
Burgundy tie  
Green cardigan  
Black school shoes (no heels)  
Bottle green tights / bottle green knee-length socks

#### Summer Uniform.

Red and white check dress or grey school skirt  
Green or white shirt  
Red cardigan  
White ankle or knee-length socks  
Black school shoes (no heels)

### **PE Kit – Boys and Girls**

Plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings (below the knee)  
Plain white t-shirt  
Black zip-up hooded jacket  
Trainers  
P.E kit with the school logo is available via our uniform stockists.

(P.E kit is to be worn to school on P.E days)

### **Hair Styles and Nail Varnish**

Hairstyles must be smart and neat. All pupils must have a conventional hairstyle which in its length, style and colour is acceptable to the school.

All long hair (past the bottom of the shirt/blouse collar) must be tied back.

Hair falling over the eyes must be clipped back during lessons.

Hair shaving and sculpting (e.g. tram lines, ticks and other shavings) are not allowed.

No highlights, colours or dyes

Use of gels or styling products should be minimal. Highlights, dyeing and colouring of hair is not allowed.

Nail varnish is not allowed.

## **Jewellery**

As a safety precaution and to prevent accidents during PE and other activities, the wearing of any item of jewellery in Nursery or Main School is strictly forbidden without exception.

## **Uniform Stockists**

Whilst there is no requirement for children to have branded uniform, this can be purchased from:

Crested School Wear, Unit 14 Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, DY2 7BJ

Tel: 01384 918330 Website: [www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk)

Wards School & Workwear, Concorde Market, 17 Dudley St, Sedgley, Dudley DY3 1SA

Tel: 07787 821904