



St. Francis Catholic Primary School

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ST. FRANCIS MISSION STATEMENT

Jesus said, "love one another as I have loved you."

Our aim is to make St. Francis School a loving community, respecting every child and every adult, caring for God's world and helping each other to do our best as we grow together in Christ.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment

UNIFORM POLICY

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In St Francis School it is our policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in off-site activities (where appropriate).

We believe that school uniform is important because it:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical, smart and identifies the pupils with the school
- Prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- Makes pupils 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.

Our school colours are navy and yellow and we encourage this across all aspects of uniform including hair ties and ribbons, scarves and gloves. Additional colours are introduced in our House T-shirts which are worn for specific events such as sports day.

General Guidelines

In the interests of Health & Safety:

- **Shoes** - must be fit for purpose and enable pupils to negotiate stairs and pathways and run freely in the playground. Shoes should be navy or black, have straps or laces and be flat.
- **Trainers** - must be fit for sports rather than fashion shoes / sneakers/fabric. They should be plain black or plain white (no converse etc).

Due to the fact trainers will be worn twice a week for P.E. parents may choose to buy leather trainers rather than separate school shoes and trainers. **Please ensure that if you decide to do this, the trainers must be plain, leather and completely black.**



- **Jewellery** - is not permitted under any circumstances and we follow Local Authority guidelines which state that **jewellery must not be worn during P.E. lessons** (See Guidelines for P.E.)
- **Earrings** - must be plain, studs, not hoops.
- Please note that when getting your child's ears pierced, they can't remove their earrings for up to six weeks. We recommend that you do this at the start of the school summer holidays so that when your child returns to school in September they will be healed and ready to be removed.
- **If your child comes to school with newly pierced ears, they will be unable to access this part of the curriculum for up to six weeks.**
- **Nail Varnish** and artificial nails are not permitted.
- Children arriving at school with nail varnish on will be taken to the school office where they will be provided with remover before being able to go to class.
- **Watches** - pupils are allowed to wear watches, provided they do not have any capabilities for communication, such as calling or messaging, nor any functionality to capture photographs. Watches incorporating these features are not allowed on school premises. Pupils are allowed to wear a simple, plain watch with a regular-sized face and a plain strap. Additionally, to encourage a healthy lifestyle, pupils may wear a Fitbit or an equivalent activity tracker throughout the day, including during their mile-a-day. Pupils who choose to wear these devices do so at their own risk, and the school accepts no responsibility for any lost or damaged activity trackers.
- **Hair** - hair, including fringes, should be tidy and contained. Pupils with hair which is long enough will be asked to tie it back and long fringes will need to be clipped so that it is not covering the pupils' eyes. Extravagant styles/dyed hair, gel, tram lines etc, are not considered to be appropriate. Slides, bobbles, ribbons etc should be simple and navy blue.

Guidelines for P.E.

ALL jewellery, including earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons and sports activities for safety reasons. Pupils who are unable to remove their own earrings should not wear them on P.E. days. Staff are not allowed to remove any earrings for the children. Children will not be allowed to use tape to cover their ears and earrings. Please note that P.E. is part of the National Curriculum taught to all pupils. Should you allow your child to have their ears pierced in term time then they will be unable to access this part of the curriculum for up to six weeks.

On P.E. days, the school P.E. kit should be worn to school. This includes a light blue polo shirt (with logo), plain navy shorts or joggers, and plain trainers. **Tight fitting shorts, such as cycling shorts and leggings are not permitted and tights must also be removed for P.E.**

The children should wear a plain navy sweatshirt, no hoodies or jackets with zips.

Summer/Winter Uniform

Generally winter uniform is worn from October half term until Easter (Reception class September until Easter). Pupils should, however, wear clothing suitable for the prevailing weather conditions.

Blazers

School blazers are mandatory and should be worn all year if possible. When extremely cold the children may wear a plain, navy coat.

Children are encouraged to keep their blazers on the back of their chairs in classrooms and to wear them throughout the day. When it is warm they may choose to wear their school blazer instead of a jumper or cardigan.

Hats

We encourage the children to wear a school hat, both to and from school, as part of uniform. During the summer girls should wear straw boaters with hat band and during the winter navy velour hats with logo. Boys should wear the navy, felt cap with logo all year.

School baseball caps and legionnaire caps are available from the school in summer to wear during break and lunchtimes. This is not compulsory, but is recommended to protect your child from the sun.

Plain navy fleece or wool hats can also be worn during break and lunchtimes. Again these are not compulsory but are recommended for warmth and to protect their normal school hats from damage during playtime.

Plain navy or florescent yellow gloves and scarves can be worn as necessary, but are not compulsory.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM IS CLEARLY NAMED.

Uniform suppliers

Sustainable Development underpins our ethos; therefore the governors work hard to ensure best value is achieved. The Catholic Clothing Guild is a charity which helps parents to purchase school uniform. (Contact details are held in the school office).

Parents can compare prices and buy uniform through direct contact with our supplier:

Yours In Sport, 39 High Street, Maldon 01621 853065 sales@sportgb.co.uk

Pre-loved Uniform

Alternatively, parents can acquire uniform from the Parents Association who have set up a system giving parents the opportunity to purchase re-cycled uniform. Please ensure second hand uniform is re-labelled with your child's name. They can be contacted through the school office or by emailing: uniform@stfrancispta.co.uk

School Bags

Key Stage 1 - St Francis School book bags are available from the school office.

Key Stage 2 - St Francis rucksack in navy with the school logo are available from Yours In Sport.

Plain navy rucksacks are also acceptable.

Lost property

The school will endeavour to return all named items of lost property to pupils when found. Any uniform found will be stored in drawer unit outside the school office and pupils / parents can access this to look for lost items. Please note that this cupboard will be emptied by a member of staff at the end of each half term and items will either be given to the Parent Associations pre-loved uniform or donated to charity.

Girls' Summer Uniform (After Easter to October half term)	Girls' Winter Uniform (After October half term to Easter)
Navy (not light blue) gingham dress Navy V-neck cardigan with logo School Blazer (with badge) White socks Black or navy shoes or plain black leather trainers (not open toed or slip on pumps) Straw boater, hat band and badge (optional) Navy summer hat (bucket or legionnaire) to be kept at school Navy hair bands and clips <i>Year 6 girls have the option of continuing to wear winter uniform with a short sleeve blouse.</i>	Navy pleated skirt or pinafore dress White long/short sleeved blouse Navy V-neck cardigan with logo School Blazer (with badge) School Tie Navy tights or white knee length socks Navy coat/jacket - plain with no logos Black or navy shoes or plain black leather trainers Navy velour hat, hat band and badge (optional) Navy hair bands and clips
Boys' Summer Uniform (After Easter to October half term)	Boys' Winter Uniform (After October half term to Easter)
White short sleeved shirt (not a polo shirt) Navy V-neck pullover with logo Navy short trousers (not cargo) ** School Blazer (with badge) School Tie Grey socks Black or navy shoes or plain black leather trainers Navy felt cap with logo (optional) Summer hat (bucket or legionnaire) to be kept at school <i>** Year 6 can wear long trousers all year</i>	White long/short sleeve shirt Navy V-neck pullover with logo Navy long trousers School Blazer (with badge) School Tie Grey socks Navy coat/jacket - plain with no logos Black or navy shoes or plain black leather trainers Navy felt cap with logo (optional)
Unisex Sports outfit (All year)	School Bags
Plain navy P.E. shorts/skorts ** Light blue polo shirt with logo Plain navy sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms (no hoodies or leggings) Plain black or plain white trainers House coloured T-Shirt (red, yellow, green or blue) for Sports Day * *The class teacher will advise parents accordingly. <i>** Girls can choose plain navy shorts or a skort.</i>	Key Stage 1 - St. Francis book bag Key Stage 2 - School rucksack in navy with school logo, purchased from Yours in Sport* *Plain navy rucksacks are also acceptable

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ARTICLES ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME