



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

## School Uniform Policy

### 1 Introduction

1.1 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.

### 2 Aims and objectives

2.1 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.

### 3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears for children in Key Stage 2.
- a wrist watch

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

### 4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

## **5 Footwear**

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; as they are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

5.2. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring with them black school shoes to change into.

## **6 The role of parents**

6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

## **7 The role of governors**

7.1 The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **8 Monitoring and review**

8.1 The governing body 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;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

## **9 Uniform The School Uniform is:**

### **Winter Uniform** (September to Easter)

Grey straight legged trousers

Grey school skirt or pinafore dress

Formal white shirt

School tie

Plain grey/black/white knee or ankle socks

Plain grey/black tights

Plain black shoes

### **Summer Uniform** (Easter to July) as above or

Blue gingham dress

Grey shorts

White polo shirt.

### **PE Clothing**

Indoor PE

Black shorts

White round neck Tee shirt

Black pumps

Outdoor PE

Black jogging trousers

White round neck tee shirt

Grey hooded sweatshirt

Black pumps

### **Swimming**

One piece swimming costume

Swimming trunks

### **All school uniform should be clearly labelled.**

Please note that if ears have been pierced, plain stud ear rings may be worn from year 3 to year 6. Ear rings are not permitted in foundation stage or Key Stage 1. No other jewellery is allowed, except for a watch.