



**St John Fisher
Catholic Primary School**
Part of The Romero Catholic Academy



School Uniform Policy



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Aims and Objectives

Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes inclusion, respect and a shared sense of belonging, while supporting safeguarding and security.

The governing body of St John Fisher Catholic Primary School determines and reviews the school uniform policy in line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance. We recognise that a school uniform can:

- Promote a sense of pride in the school
- Provide a feeling of community and belonging
- Support positive behaviour and readiness for learning
- Enable pupils to be easily identified as members of the school
- Promote equality and reduce visible differences in appearance
- Be practical, safe and appropriate for school activities

In line with current national guidance, the governing body is also committed to ensuring that the school uniform is affordable, inclusive and represents best value for money for families.

When developing and reviewing this policy, we ensure that:

- The cost of uniform is reasonable and does not present a barrier to attendance
- The number of compulsory branded items is kept to a minimum and will comply with forthcoming national limits
- Parents are able to purchase generic uniform items from a wide range of retailers, not just a single supplier
- Second-hand uniform is made available to support families and sustainability
- The policy complies with the Equality Act 2010, ensuring it is inclusive and does not discriminate, including considerations around religion, disability, gender and cultural needs

When is Uniform Required?

- Children in Nursery to Year 6 are expected to wear the school uniform each day unless otherwise stated. Pupils should also wear the appropriate uniform when representing the school at events off-site, as they are ambassadors for the school.
- Where possible, requirements for specific or branded clothing for events and activities will be kept to a minimum, with alternatives provided or loaned where appropriate, in line with national guidance on affordability.



The Role of Parents

We ask all parents and carers to support our uniform policy. We believe that families have a role in ensuring children attend school dressed appropriately, ready for learning.

The school will:

- Ensure uniform requirements are clear, fair and affordable
 - Provide information on where uniform can be purchased, including low-cost and second-hand options
 - Avoid unnecessary changes to uniform which would result in additional cost to families
- Parents are encouraged to speak with the school if they experience difficulty in meeting uniform requirements so that support can be offered.

Jewellery and Appearance

- Pupils with pierced ears may wear a pair of small stud earrings; these must be removed or covered for PE
- A sensible watch may be worn (smart watches are not permitted for safeguarding reasons)
- Long hair should be tied back for safety
- Make-up and nail polish are not permitted

Any reasonable adjustments related to religion, disability or medical need will be considered in line with the Equality Act 2010.

Footwear

Children should wear sensible black shoes suitable for learning and play. We aim to ensure our footwear requirements are practical, safe and affordable. Trainers may be worn on PE days. To support our OPAL programme, all children should have a named pair of wellington boots in school for outdoor play and learning activities.

Affordability and Value for Money

In line with statutory guidance under the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021, the school will:

- Limit the number of compulsory branded items
- Ensure uniform items can be purchased from multiple retailers wherever possible
- Regularly review supplier arrangements to ensure best value for money
- Provide access to pre-loved (second-hand) uniform
- Avoid frequent changes to uniform design

The governing body will keep this policy under regular review to ensure it continues to meet legal requirements and reflects the needs of our school community.



Winter (October half-term to Easter)

BOYS Grey trousers White shirt Burgundy V-neck jumper / cardigan with logo Burgundy / gold school tie	GIRLS Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers White shirt Burgundy V-neck jumper/cardigan with logo Burgundy / gold school tie
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Summer (Easter until October half-term)

BOYS Grey trousers or shorts Burgundy polo top (logo optional)	GIRLS Grey dress, pinafore, trousers or shorts Burgundy polo top (logo optional) OR Red and white gingham dress
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PE Kit

BOYS/GIRLS Burgundy round neck T-shirt (logo optional) Black shorts/joggers/leggings Burgundy hoody with logo Trainers	Please Note: No branded, patterned or striped items are permitted. Plain only.
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Games Kit

St John Fisher games kit will be provided by the school for use during sporting events where required. This approach helps to ensure consistency, inclusion and affordability for all pupils, in line with national guidance on reducing costs to families.

Where kit is provided, pupils should take items home after use, ensure they are washed, and return them promptly to school.

Purchasing

We aim to ensure that school uniform is easily accessible, good value for money, and available from a range of suppliers, in line with Department for Education guidance.

- Branded items (where required) can be purchased via Cat Ballou or Clive Mark.
- Wherever possible, non-branded items can be purchased from a range of high street or online retailers to keep costs affordable
- The school supports families by providing access to pre-loved (second-hand) uniform which is available in the foyer.

We are committed to keeping uniform costs to a minimum and will regularly review our arrangements to ensure they continue to provide best value for families.