

# **ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

## **OUR MISSION**

**Together in God's loving family,  
we believe, we learn, we grow.**

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### **Introduction**

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. Governors and staff firmly believe that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and sets a positive tone for behaviour and learning.

### **Aims**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief 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 to school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- It encourages good self-discipline
- Teaches children the value of self-expression without depending on clothes or things being owned.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

We are grateful to parents for supporting the wearing of school uniform.

### **Best Value**

St. Pius X School is committed to ensuring that uniform is affordable for all parents and does not act as a barrier to parents when choosing the school. The majority of the uniform will be available from most High Street shops and supermarkets to ensure that it is available at a competitive price. We run a second-hand uniform shop from the school office. Please contact the school office if you require any second-hand items.

Particular items with the school logo, e.g. jumpers, cardigans, PE shirts etc. are only available from the school supplier, One Stop School Gear either online or in the shop. (*See complete list of uniform in Appendix A*).

***One Stop School Gear, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford CM2 9TE.***

### **Winter/Summer changes**

When pupils return to school in September, parents have the option to send their children to school in either winter or summer uniform for the first half-term. On returning to school from the October half-term, winter uniform should be worn.

In the summer term, parents have the option to send their children to school in either winter or summer uniform for the first half-term. After the May half-term, summer uniform should be worn.

Children new to the Foundation Stage will start school in winter uniform.

### **Footwear**

Children should wear sensible, well fitted, flat, black shoes; they should be clean and smart. If boots are worn to school in the winter they must be changed for shoes in school.

### **Hair**

For reasons of health and safety and to avoid the spread of head lice children (boys and girls) with shoulder length hair and longer should have their hair tied back with a black, white or red hair band. All hair slides and hair bands must be red, white or black. Children are not permitted to wear hair gel or styling products.

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts. The school would rather that parents did not shave their children's heads. Razor markings, hair extensions or colour are not permitted.

### **Jewellery**

The only jewellery pupils are permitted to wear on school premises are small sensible watches (from Year 3 onwards) and plain silver or gold stud earrings, including on non-uniform days. In line with Health and Safety regulations from Essex, no jewellery is permitted in PE lessons. Therefore, it is recommended that on PE days pupils do not wear jewellery. If they do, they must remove them for the lesson. Staff will not remove earrings for children. Children may not tape up earrings for PE lessons.

### **PE**

It is a legal requirement that all children participate in PE lessons. Children should attend school in their PE kit on their Class PE day. They will wear their PE kits for the whole school day. It is recommended that children wear a plain black track suit, or plain black sweat shirt and jogging bottoms in the winter months for outdoor games. For reasons of health and safety track suit bottoms cannot be worn for gymnastics and dance. If girls need to cover arms and legs for religious reasons, well-fitting black leggings/long sleeved leotards can be worn for gymnastics and dance.

### **Non-Uniform Days**

From time to time there will be non-uniform days. These days will be fund raising events and members of the school community may be asked to contribute a sum of money for the privilege of not wearing uniform. On non-uniform days the following items of clothing are not permitted:

- High heeled shoes or open toe sandals
- Jewellery of any kind
- T shirts or other garments with inappropriate slogans

## **Make-up and Tattoos**

Children must not wear make-up, including nail polish, to school. Stick on/temporary tattoos are also not appropriate for school. Neither are false nails.

## **Responsibility for School Uniform**

Parents **MUST** label all items of school uniform, including shoes and trainers. The school cannot accept any responsibility for items of clothing lost in school: parents must instill in children the concept that they are responsible for their personal belongings.

## **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

Please note that if a child is not wearing the correct school uniform a letter will be sent home with the child detailing the incorrect uniform item(s) to make the parent/carer aware and for them to ensure they have the correct uniform as soon as possible. If there is a problem which prevents you from ensuring your child wears the correct full school uniform, please contact your child's class teacher (in the first instance), the Deputy Head Teacher or Head Teacher, to discuss the situation.

## **The Role of Governors**

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

The governors will consider, with the Head, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

## **Equality**

At St Pius X Catholic Primary, equality considerations are central to all that we do. We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity and to preventing all unlawful discrimination whether against individuals or groups on grounds of age, race, gender, physical or learning disability. Equality is simply not a minority issue, it is important to everyone.

## **Safeguarding**

The school takes its responsibilities of safeguarding children very seriously. All staff will ensure at all times that the safety and well-being of children is the first consideration. Staff will consider the health and safety aspects of any activities offered to children and check the suitability of any visitors engaged to work with the children.

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

Available on-line from One Stop School Gear – <https://www.onestopschoolgear.com/st-pius-x-catholic-primary>

<b>WINTER UNIFORM</b>	
<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
White long/short sleeved school shirt	White long/short sleeved school shirt
School Tie (available from School Office)	School Tie (available from School Office)
Red jumper with <b>school logo</b>	Red cardigan with <b>school logo</b>
Black trousers	Black skirt/pinafore dress – knee length Optional black, tailored school trousers
Sensible black shoes Black or dark grey socks	Sensible black shoes White socks or black tights
Black or navy Coat	Black or navy Coat
Scarves, hats and gloves should be black/red.	Scarves, hats and gloves should be black/red.
	Hair ribbons/bands should be black, red or white
KS1 Red Primary Book Bag with <b>school logo</b> KS2 Red Rucksack with school logo (Both available from One Stop Gear)	KS1 Red Primary Book Bag with <b>school logo</b> KS2 Red Rucksack with school logo (Both available from One Stop Gear)

<b>SUMMER UNIFORM</b>	
<b>Summer uniform is worn after Easter until October half term</b>	
White school shirt	Red gingham dress
School Tie (Available from school office)	
Black long/short trousers	
Red jumper with <b>school logo</b>	Red cardigan with <b>school logo</b>
Black shoes – black/dark grey socks	Black shoes - White socks
	Hair ribbons/bands should be black, red or white
Summer cap – black or red in colour	Summer cap – black or red in colour
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<b>PE KIT (Boys &amp; Girls)</b>	<b>SWIMMING KIT</b>
Yellow T-Shirt (plain no logo, not a polo shirt)	One piece swimsuit (Girls)
Black shorts (plain no logo)	Trunks or close fitting shorts (Boys)
Black tracksuit or sweatshirt/joggers (plain no logo)	Swimming cap
Plain black/white trainers for outdoor games only.	