St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville
School Uniform Policy

Source	St Peter's		**Date Effective from**	January 2026
Responsible role (if localised)	Headteacher		**Review Date**	June 2027
Statutory	Yes		**Publish on website**	Yes
Associated Policies, Documents, Agencies: Equalities policy. Cost of school uniforms statutory guidance. Developing a school uniform policy non-statutory guidance.				

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. School uniform helps to promote a feeling of belonging to the school; it saves arguments about what a child wants to wear; it avoids children coming to school in undesirable fashions and it encourages children to be neat and tidy in their appearance. In writing this policy we have consulted the Department for Education guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities.

Aims and objectives

Our policy ensures that clothing worn is appropriate for everyday school activities and is based on that 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;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our School Uniform consists of:

- *Purple embroidered school logo sweatshirt or cardigan*
- Grey trousers/shorts; grey skirt or pinafore
- White polo shirt (white embroidered school logo polo shirts are available as an option)

- Grey, white or black socks or tights
- All pupils are expected to wear sensible and proper black or dark coloured shoes to school. Sports trainers of any style or colour are not considered an acceptable alternative to wear in place of school shoes.
- In exceptionally cold, icy or snowy weather, some children may prefer to wear boots instead of shoes for a limited period of time. These should be smart, sensible and practical, but boots are not considered to be permanent alternatives to wearing regular school shoes.

Summer uniform options:

- *Purple embroidered school logo sweatshirt or cardigan*
- Grey trousers/shorts; grey skirt or pinafore
- Yellow school dresses for girls
- White polo shirt (white embroidered school logo polo shirts are available as an option)

PE (Physical Education) kit consists of:

- *Purple school embroidered logo polo shirt*
- Black PE shorts
- Trainers or black plimsolls (trainers are more suitable for older children for games lessons on the field)
- Black tracksuit

Extra optional items are:

- Purple school logo book bag
- Purple or black school logo PE bag
- School logo caps or appropriate sunhats for hot weather
- Children are required to bring a coat to school every day in the colder months and a shower proof jacket is advisable in summer. Waterproof reversible jackets embroidered with the school logo and also reversible shower jackets are available from our supplier.

All of our uniform is available from our uniform suppliers Brigade. To visit their website, log on to www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com . Use the 'Search for your school' option in the text box and select ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL from the drop down list provided.

Other considerations for parents:

Hair:

- St Peter's expects children to have sensible haircuts when they come to school. Exaggerated, coloured, or bleached hairstyles are not acceptable at St Peter's. This includes extreme colouring/highlights and patterns shaved into hair.
- Excessively short all over hair styles are considered exaggerated and are not acceptable.
- For parents' guidance, haircuts should be of no less than a Grade 2 on any part of the head.

- Hair styles must not deliberately hide the face; all features must be visible and long hair should be tied back so that it remains out of the child's eyes when they are working.

Jewellery:

- Jewellery should not be worn.
- It is not advisable for children to wear earrings to school but parents may sign a disclaimer if they do. Only small plain studs may be worn if parents feel it is necessary. Children must either be able to take out their own studs for PE or they must bring their own tape and cover the earrings themselves. If parents feel their children should have their ears pierced, it is advisable to have them done at the beginning of the summer holidays so that they have a chance to heal before returning to school.

The role of parents:

We ask all parents who have chosen to send their children to St Peter's Catholic Primary School to support our school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a responsibility to send their children to school in the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. If parents wish to raise a complaint about the school uniform they should do so with the Headteacher in the first instance, and if agreement is not reached the issue should be raised with the governing body.

We have agreed a uniform and supplier to ensure that costs are kept to a manageable level for families, however if cost is a barrier to the wearing of correct uniform please speak to the school who may be able to assist. If the uniform requirements cannot be met due to medical reasons please make an appointment to speak to the school. Written confirmation of such circumstances may be requested.

The role of the Headteacher:

The Headteacher's role is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy, as part of their duty to ensure day-to-day discipline at school. The Headteacher will also offer support to any child, parent or family experiencing difficulty with the uniform requirements.

The role of the governors:

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our Equalities Policy. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every year, or more frequently if considered necessary.