Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School is a learning community based on Gospel values. We aim to develop our pupils by encouraging their growth as spiritual and moral individuals who have the confidence to make the best choices. We encourage them to aspire to achieve and to realise their full potential. We nurture our children as they grow into responsible members of our community and to develop a lifelong love of learning.

Hand in hand with God, we love, live and learn.

Isaiah 49:16:

"See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands."

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School Uniform Policy

This policy should be read with:

- **Behaviour policy**

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Unless otherwise stated through school correspondence; it is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Our Vision

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School is an inclusive, caring and inspirational school providing every opportunity for children, staff and families at the heart of the community where everyone will be valued and nurtured.

Background/Government Guidance

The Local Academy Committee decides on the uniform policy or dress code, and it is the Head Teacher's responsibility to make sure pupils keep to the rules. If you have any queries about the uniform policy or dress code, these should be addressed to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Aims and Objectives

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;

Expectations

- children should come to school smartly dressed in clean clothes
- all children are expected to wear uniform
- uniform can be ordered online using this link.
- Uniform checks will take place regularly and parents will be notified if children arrive at school wearing incorrect uniform

The Role of Parents

All parents who send their child to Our Lady's are expected to adhere to the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their day. 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.

The Role of the Local Academy Committee

The LAC implements the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with teachers.

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Uniform Aspect	**Guidance**
Hair	Children are not allowed to have patterns or lines in their hair during term time. Coloured hair or dyed streaks are not allowed. In addition, any haircuts such as V-cuts and Mohican style are not permitted.
Jumper/Cardigan	Dark blue, v necked jumper or cardigan with Our Lady of Walsingham Logo.
Tie	All children in KS2 are expected to wear ties at all times. Ties are optional for EYFS and KS1 children but they are encouraged to wear them.
Shirts	White collared shirt for KS2 and/or white polo shirt for EYFS and Key Stage One.
Bottoms (Trousers, skirts, pinafores)	Dark grey. Leggings should not be worn.
Socks	White, grey or black; or grey tights
Shoes	Black shoes; White, black or tan coloured sandals during the summer
Jewellery	Watches and one pair of stud earrings are the only jewellery permitted.
P.E	Blue shorts/jogging bottoms, dark blue polo shirt with school logo.
Other	Children are not permitted to wear make up in school; children are not permitted to wear false nails or nail extensions within school.

Jewellery
On Health and Safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance. Children will be required to remove these by themselves during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. Please consider this carefully when considering whether your child can have their ears pierced. **They may not be covered with a plaster as this can be very dangerous.**

Wristwatches may be worn, but nose studs, bangles, necklaces or other types of jewellery are **not permitted.**

Footwear
We require all children to wear black shoes. Trainers are not allowed – if a child comes to school in inappropriate footwear, they will be required to wear plimsolls provided by the school for the duration of the day.

Children should not wear shoes with heels.

The shoes children wear should be appropriate to the weather conditions. For example, sandals are permitted in the summer months and black boots are allowed in the colder months.

Haircuts/Styles
Whilst we respect the backgrounds, cultures and beliefs of all our families, we expect all children to maintain appropriate and sensible haircut which is at the discretion of the Head Teacher and Senior Staff.

Children are not permitted to have any kind of patterns or lines cut into their hair, this includes 'v' cuts or 'Mohican'-type styles. This extends to patterns on eyebrows. Neither are they allowed to have artificially coloured hair.

Children will be continually made aware of this through assemblies and ongoing school uniform monitoring by all staff. Parents will be reminded of this through newsletters and conversations with staff.
Ongoing unauthorised absence will lead to the school prosecuting parents under attendance guidelines.

Breaching Uniform Policy

If your child breaks the rules when it comes to school uniform, they could face sanctions which will be agreed by the Head Teacher. It is very important that parents inform the school as soon as there is an issue with sending their child to school without uniform and the school will do its best to assist with this. The following list are examples of actions that the school will take:

- The child will asked to change into the appropriate piece of missing uniform. This 'bank' of uniform will be made up from unclaimed lost property and old uniform which has been donated to the school
- The parent will be asked to take the child home to change into the correct uniform
- Where the breach is with regards to hair, the parent will be asked to ensure that immediate action is taken to remedy the situation e.g. lines are removed, dyed hair is returned to its natural colour

The school will be considerate if a pupil does not keep to the uniform policy, and try to find out why it is happening. If a family is having financial difficulties, the school will allow for this and give the parents time to buy the right items.
Pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents cannot provide them with the right school uniform.

Cost of School Uniform
When deciding on the uniform policy, the school has given high priority to cost considerations. The school uniform has been sourced and priced so as not to leave pupils or their families feeling excluded. The cost of a uniform therefore does not stop parents from sending their child to the school.

Applying for Help with School Clothing Costs
If a parent requires support with purchasing items of uniform, they should in the first instance approach the school who will be very willing to support with the cost of this where possible.

Physical Education (PE)
School uniform includes clothing required for PE lessons. The school has chosen a PE kit which is practical, comfortable and appropriate to the activity involved. Gender and race discrimination issues have also been considered. As with the regular school uniform, the school governing body has considered the cost to parents when deciding on a policy for PE kit.

Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Issues
While pupils must adhere to the school's uniform policy, schools must be considerate to the needs of different cultures, races and religions. Schools must always act reasonably and sensibly in accommodating religious requirements, providing they do not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the school community.

Schools must not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, disability or religious belief. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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