OUR SCHOOL VISION

Our mission is to RECOGNISE the original gifts of our young people, preparing them for SERVICE in the common good for the transformation of society and we aim for academic EXCELLENCE for all, for the sake of the dignity of the individual.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Together,
Through our words and actions,
Our work and play,
We point towards Christ
Each and every day

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

This policy has been approved and adopted by the Governing Body in March 2026 and will be reviewed in March 2029

Signed by Chair of Governors: _____

Signed by Headteacher: C Whaltey _____

Date	Reason & Changes Made	By
20/3/26	Policy Review Cycle Updated following a parent survey	Catherine Whatley Headteacher

Introduction

At St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event within normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy, and is displayed on the school website.

Pre-loved uniform will be on sale regularly throughout the academic year to enable parents to purchase good quality, second hand items. Donations of pre-loved uniform can be made through the school office to be added to the sale.

Our uniform is a mark of our school's collective identity. It has been chosen with comfort and practicality in mind, and children are expected to present themselves and wear their school uniform with pride. The standard of dress in school is high and we expect all children to wear school uniform.

It is essential that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name, including coats and P.E. kit.

Aims and objectives

Our policy acknowledges 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;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

The role of parents

- Support the school uniform policy;
- Ensure their children attend school in the correct uniform daily;
- Ensure their child adheres to the requirements of this policy;

If concerns arise regarding a pupil's clothing, the school will contact parents so we can work together to resolve the issue.

The school welcomes pupils from all backgrounds and faith communities and is committed to meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. Where parents believe there are substantial reasons—such as religious requirements or specific SEND needs—that mean their child may need to wear clothing that differs from the school uniform, they should discuss this in advance with the Headteacher. The school will consider such requests sensitively and reasonably, while ensuring that any agreed adjustments remain consistent with our wider policy and statutory responsibilities.

The role of governors

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy. 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.

Uniform

School Jumper:

- Royal Blue jumper (Optional - available from Stitch-a-Logo or Pre-loved uniform);
- Or royal blue non-branded round-necked cotton sweatshirt;

Formal school shirt:

- A button-up shirt with a collar that is worn with a tie, with a structured, smart appearance;
- Light Blue;
- Long or short sleeved;
- Available from local supermarkets or pre-loved uniform;

School tie:

- Compulsory when wearing a formal school shirt;
- Available from Stitch-a-Logo or pre-loved uniform;

School trousers, shorts, dress or skirt:

- Grey;
- Trousers and shorts must be tailored (not skinny fit, jersey material or with embroidery or embellishment);
- Skirts/dresses must be knee-length;
- Both available from local supermarkets;
- If wearing cycling shorts under dresses for modesty, black, grey or white only;

Socks or tights:

- White, black or grey;
- No footless or cropped tights;
- Available from local supermarkets;

School Shoes or ankle boots:

- Black;
- Sturdy soles with good grip;
- Not trainers or tall boots;
- Not sandals or slip-on shoes;
- Available from local supermarkets or shoe shops;

Outdoor Clothing:

- Welly boots;
- Puddle Suit/water-proof trousers (optional);
- Available from local supermarkets;

Optional Summer Term Uniform (between the Easter holidays and October half term):
Dress or playsuit:

- Blue and white checked;
- Available from local supermarkets;
- If wearing cycling shorts under dresses for modesty, black, grey or white only;

Or, if wearing grey trousers/shorts:

Polo shirt:

- A softer, pull-over top with a collar and usually 2–3 buttons at the neck, made from more casual, knitted fabric;

- Light Blue;
- Available from local supermarkets;
- Not worn with a tie;

PE

PE T-shirt:

- Royal Blue with school logo (optional - available from Stitch-a-Logo or Pre-loved uniform);
- Or a plain royal blue t-shirt (available form local supermarkets and shops);

Shorts

- Navy shorts;
- Available from local supermarkets and shops;

Trainers:

- Sturdy soles with good grip;
- No flashing lights or sounds;

Tracksuit:

- Plain blue or black tracksuit;
- School branded tracksuit is optional and available from Stitch-a-log or Pre-loved uniform;

If tights are worn to school, pack a pair of socks to change into for PE.

Accessories:

Hair:

- Hair accessories such as hairbands, should be discreet and in school colours;
- Long hair (that reaches the shirt collar) must be tied up at all times;
- Hair should be of natural colour and not involve shaven sides, obvious 'steps' and/or razor lines;

Earrings:

- Small studs only (plain or jewelled)- no hooped earring;
- No earrings worn on PE days (they will not be able to take part in PE unless your child can remove the earrings themselves);

Nails, Make-up and Transfers

- Children should not wear nail varnish to school, for health and safety reasons, as the nail bed is an area first aider may need to check if there is any injury to the hand, arm or feet;
- Makeup is not allowed;
- Temporary tattoo transfers are not permitted;

Jewellery

- Children are welcome to wear watches (without alarms)- analogue clock face preferable;
- Smart watches are not permitted;
- No rings;
- Small objects of religious significance (i.e. a cross, worn on a chain beneath the shirt);

We ask the children to either remove earrings and all other jewellery items during PE lessons.

Bags

- Book bags can be purchased from the school office in red, yellow, blue or green to match your child's House group;
- PE kits must be kept in a drawstring bag;
- Rucksacks are permissible on occasion when additional sports kit is required for clubs or swimming lessons;