

St John Evangelist Catholic Primary School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Mission Statement: To love, to learn with God in our hearts

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to take pride in their personal appearance.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents.

Purchasing the uniform

The uniform is available from 'Rough Cut Casuals' situated at 16 Chapel Market, London N1 9EZ (Contact number: 02078377924). It can also be purchased online at www.roughcutcasuals.co.uk

Winter Uniform

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- Red polo shirt with the school logo
- Navy trousers or skirt
- Navy socks or tights

Summer Uniform

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- Red polo shirt with the school logo
- Navy shorts or navy skirt
- Red and white checked summer dress
- Navy socks or tights/ white socks (these can be plain white or white with a red frill)

Coats

Children go outside in all weather during breaks and lunchtimes for fresh air. Please ensure that your child has a suitable coat during winter months or if it is likely to rain. Fleeces and waterproof jackets with the school logo can be bought from our suppliers. All other coats must be navy blue or black and not have logos.

Hats, Scarves and Gloves

In winter children can wear navy or red hats, scarves and gloves. A winter hat is available at Rough Cuts. In summer children can wear a navy cap with the school logo which is available at Rough Cuts.

Shoes

Shoes should be flat, black (or navy) and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Children should not wear trainers, wellingtons or boots in school. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground (eg. Ballet shoes with no support).

Socks

Children should wear navy blue socks or tights with their uniform. With the summer dress, children may wear white socks with a red frill.

Sun protection

During the summer months it is advisable for your child to have a sun hat in school (with the school logo on the front) and please ensure your child is protected with a high factor sun screen on hot days. Please apply sun screen before bringing children to school.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either navy blue or red. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Nursery

The children in our nursery are required to wear the school uniform. We ask that parents supply the nursery with a spare uniform which is clearly labelled with the child's name. This is kept in the nursery in case of accidents/messy play.

PE / Games

All children are required to wear a red t-shirt for PE with the school logo on. Children also need navy blue shorts and plimsolls. Track suits may be worn for outdoor PE/Games in cold weather.

Swimming

Children will need a navy one piece swimming costume or trunks (these should not be long or loose fitting) and a swimming hat. Please note that Islington swimming pools require parents/carers to give permission in writing if they wish their children to wear goggles during swimming lessons. We ask that parents do not watch lessons as it distracts the children.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item (where possible). The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Board support the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Board monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.