



Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

School Uniform Policy

Updated: January 2025

To be reviewed: January 2027

Star of the Sea believe that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances.

This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, and is affordable and the best value for money for the school and pupils' families.

We believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for learning.

Our school uniform consists of:

Grey trousers, grey smart shorts or grey skirt (not leggings)

Blue and white checked dress (especially for the summer)

White shirt or blouse - Early Years pupils wear a white polo shirt

School tie (worn from year 1 to year 6 and can be purchased from the school office)

Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school badge on (not the PE hoody)

Brown or black shoes or BLACK trainers

PE kit – to be worn on PE days

Blue shorts – length is to be just above the knee

Blue jogging bottoms

White crew neck T Shirt (no other colour to be worn)

Blue hoody with the school badge on - to be worn on PE days only

Please inform your child's teacher, the school office or the head teacher if your child cannot wear the correct uniform. E.g. if your child is not wearing correct footwear because you are waiting to get them fitted.

Our uniform supplier is currently Emblematic Limited. Supplies of all our uniform can be purchased directly from the shop or order online. Details below.

Emblematic tel: - 0191 2701449

Email www.emblematic.co.uk

Full Address: Emblematic Limited

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Benton

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The costs of uniform for Star of the Sea school can be found using the link below:

<https://emblematic.co.uk/longbenton-store/sots/>

Jewellery – for reasons of safety and to guard against loss children must not to wear jewellery to school.

Haircuts – hair should not be dyed, extreme, nor have designs cut into it.

Other - We do not allow false eye lashes, false tan, false nails or make up.

The governing board is responsible for:

- Establishing, in consultation with the head teacher and school community, a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and inclusive, and does not disadvantage any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics or socio-economic status.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.
- Demonstrating how best value for money has been achieved in the uniform policy.
- Ensuring compliance with the DfE's '[Cost of school uniforms](#)' guidance.

The head teacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that teachers understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community regarding the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the governing board.
- Providing pupils with an exemption letter as appropriate, e.g. for a pupil who has a broken arm and requires a loose-fitting top.

Staff members are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important, e.g. school identity.

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the head teacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including why.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the head teacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.

Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community.

Equality principles

The school takes its legal obligation to avoid discriminating against any protected characteristic unlawfully very seriously, and aims to ensure that the uniform policy is as inclusive as possible so that all pupils are supported to access a school uniform which is comfortable, suitable for their needs.

The school will work to ensure that school uniform's cost does not disproportionately affect any pupils by ensuring that uniforms for all genders are as equal in price as possible.

The school will ensure that parents and pupils are consulted over any changes to school uniform, and that views and advice is sought from pupils, and parents of pupils.

The school ensures that pupils who are required to follow certain dress requirements, e.g. by virtue of their membership of a particular religious or cultural group, are afforded flexibility to allow them to wear a uniform that adheres to their requirements as far as possible. The school endeavours to meet all requests for amendments to the uniform for these purposes; however, will ensure that the needs and rights of individual pupils are weighed against any health and safety concerns for the entire school community.

Parents' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the head teacher and governing board, and always in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

The school ensures that the needs of pupils with SEND and/or sensory difficulties are considered in the uniform policy, e.g. ensuring soft, stretchy fabrics and avoiding intricate buttons or hard seams; however, where the needs of these pupils cannot be met in the standard uniform policy, individual adaptations to the uniform will be considered and permitted wherever possible.

Uniform assistance

The school supports vulnerable families in meeting the costs of uniforms. Parents can contact school via the school office or class teacher to enquire about assistance. The school holds pre loved school uniforms in the school office for parents to access. Parents are invited to donate their child's uniform when they no longer need it to promote sustainability and consideration for the environment.

Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed every two years by the chair of governors and the head teacher. The scheduled review date for this policy is January 2027