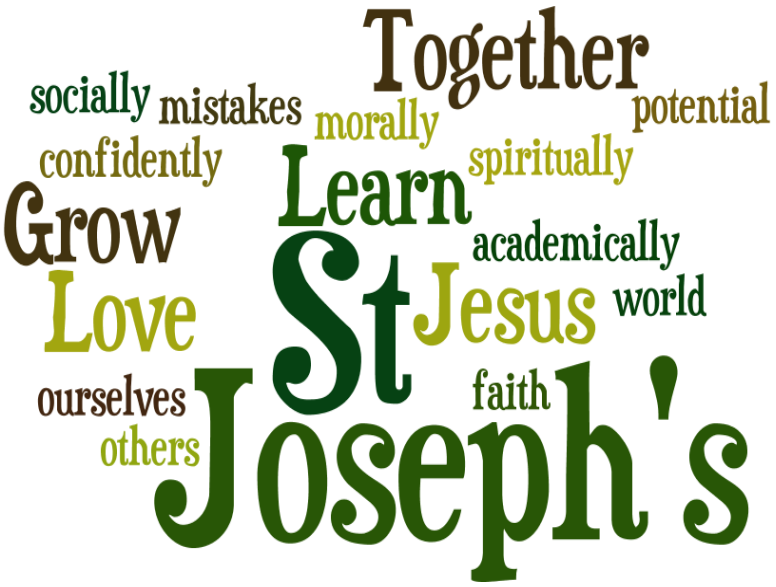
St. Joseph's
Catholic Primary School

School Uniform Policy



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St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust
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Mission Statement:

At ST JOSEPH'S WE LOVE, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER!

LOVE	LEARN	GROW
Love of our faith	Learn about our faith and Jesus	Spiritually
Love of Learning	Achieve our potential	Academically
Love life/the world	Learn from our mistakes	Morally
Love ourselves	Learn who we are / who I am	Confidently
Love others	Learn from others	Socially

Introduction
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. All items of school uniform should be clean, neat, in good repair and should be labelled with the child's name.

Aims and objectives
We believe having a school uniform is important because it:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- promotes equality in terms of appearance
- is designed to be suitable wear for school

Our School Uniform
A complete school uniform list is attached in appendix 1. All items are mandatory except those indicated as being "optional" on this list.

Where to buy the School Uniform
Some items of our school uniform (e.g. items with the school crest) can be purchased from the approved school supplier. Please see the Appendix for ordering details.

All other items (e.g. shoes, trousers, skirts, pinafores, dresses, socks, trainers) can be purchased from any stockist.

Second-hand items of school uniform can be purchased from the Friends of St Joseph's School (FOSJS) second-hand shop. This is located in the terrapin hut at the 'drop off' zone. Please see your class representative or the school office for opening days and times.

We make every effort to ensure our school uniform is affordable and is good value for money. Any parent or guardian who cannot provide their child with items of school uniform for financial reasons should speak with the Headteacher.

Jewellery
On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain ear studs in pierced ears, or a watch when your child is able to tell the time.

If a child wears any earrings, apart from studs, they will be asked to remove them. Staff cannot remove earrings for children. Please think carefully about this if your child asks to have their ears pierced. The school cannot accept responsibility for any jewellery that may be lost.

Footwear
All children should wear black shoes in school. Open toe sandals, trainers, boots and heels are not permitted.

Hair
On health and safety grounds, shoulder length hair and longer should be tied back neatly, in the school colours (white, dark green or black only). Large hair rosettes and bows are not to be worn. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, close shaved hair (even under top layer of longer hair - undercut) and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair. Children's hair length should be no shorter than a number two. The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed. If we feel a hairstyle is unsuitable, we will ask for this to be rectified.

Make up / Nails
Make up is not permitted.
Nails are to be kept short and nail varnish is not permitted.

The role of parents and guardians
We ask all parents and guardians who send their children to our school to support the School Uniform Policy and to ensure their child wears the school uniform and that it is clean, neat, in good repair and labelled with the child's name.
Requests to vary the uniform, to meet the needs of individual pupils (e.g. for medical or religious reasons) will be carefully considered and parents or guardians should speak to the Headteacher in confidence.

The role of the Headteacher
It is the Headteacher's responsibility to ensure the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and sensitively.

The role of the Governing Body
The Governing Body liaises with the Headteacher to ensure the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and sensitively.
It is the Governing Body's responsibility to ensure the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Monitoring and review
The Governing Body monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents and guardians, to ensure that they agree with and support the School Uniform Policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents or guardians to change the School Uniform Policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents or guardians for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- Asking the Headteacher to report to the Governing Body on the way the School Uniform Policy is implemented.

Parental Support Expectations
In accepting an offer of a place and in sending your child to St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, you are agreeing to fully support school policies, procedures and high expectations.

Our School Uniform
A complete school uniform list for both Key Stages is presented below. All items are mandatory except those indicated as being "optional" on this list.
Order online from www.earthuniform.com

Reception – Key Stage 1 (Year 1 – Year 2)

	Item	Available from
Winter	**Half Term Advent (Oct) – start of Pentecost Term (after Easter)**	
	Dark green V-necked jumper **with school crest**	Earth Website
	White polo shirt **with or without school crest** (worn without school tie)	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Dark grey full-length school trousers (formal straight trousers / not jersey) / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee/ankle socks or tights (no branded logos or stripes)	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
Summer	**Start of Pentecost Term (after Easter) - Half Term Advent (Oct)**	
	Dark grey knee length school shorts (formal straight / not jersey) / Dark grey full-length school trousers (formal straight trousers / not jersey) / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist Any stockist
	White polo shirt **with or without school crest** (worn without school tie)	Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham **dress**	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap ***with or without school crest***	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	
	No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted	
Outdoor Wear		
	Black / navy coat (plain – no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark green shower-proof jacket or fleece with school crest	Earth Website
PE and Games		
	Dark green gym bag **with school crest**	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt **with gold school crest**	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist
	Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist
	Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist
	Sports socks (can be worn – no logos)	
School bag		
	Dark green rucksack (small) **with school crest**	Earth Website

Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

	Item	Available from
Winter	**Half Term Advent (Oct) – start of Pentecost Term (after Easter)**	
	Dark green V-necked jumper **with school crest**	Earth Website
	Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe	Earth Website
	White cotton shirt	Any stockist
	Dark grey full-length school trousers (formal straight trousers / not jersey) / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee/ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
Summer	**Start of Pentecost Term (after Easter) - Half Term Advent (Oct)**	
	Dark grey knee length school shorts (formal straight / not jersey) / Dark grey full-length school trousers (formal straight trousers / not jersey) / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	White cotton shirt (worn with school tie)	Earth Website
	School tie (if wearing a cotton shirt)	Earth Website / Any stockist
	White polo shirt **with or without school crest** (worn without school tie)	Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham **dress**	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap ***with or without school crest***	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	
	No all in ones or playsuits are permitted	
Outdoor Wear		
	Black / navy coat (plain – no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark green shower-proof jacket or fleece with school crest	Earth Website
PE and Games		
	Dark green gym bag **with school crest**	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt **with gold school crest**	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist
	Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist
	Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist
School bag		
	Dark green book bag **with school crest** (Infants)	Earth Website
	Dark green rucksack (large) **with school crest**	Earth Website