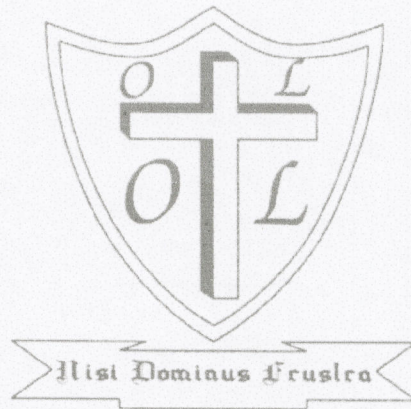


Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery & Primary School



School Uniform Policy

Introduction

This policy is one in a series that makes up the 'Health, Safety and Welfare' Statement for the school. This policy states the school's philosophy on how it will make a positive contribution to achieving the five key outcomes of Every Child Matters:

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Economic well-being.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or sometimes when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

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
- 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 and good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE or games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Extreme Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisure wear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. 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.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. If there are serious reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all requests from parents and pupils regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing and sensible.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Considering, with the head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- Requiring the head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.