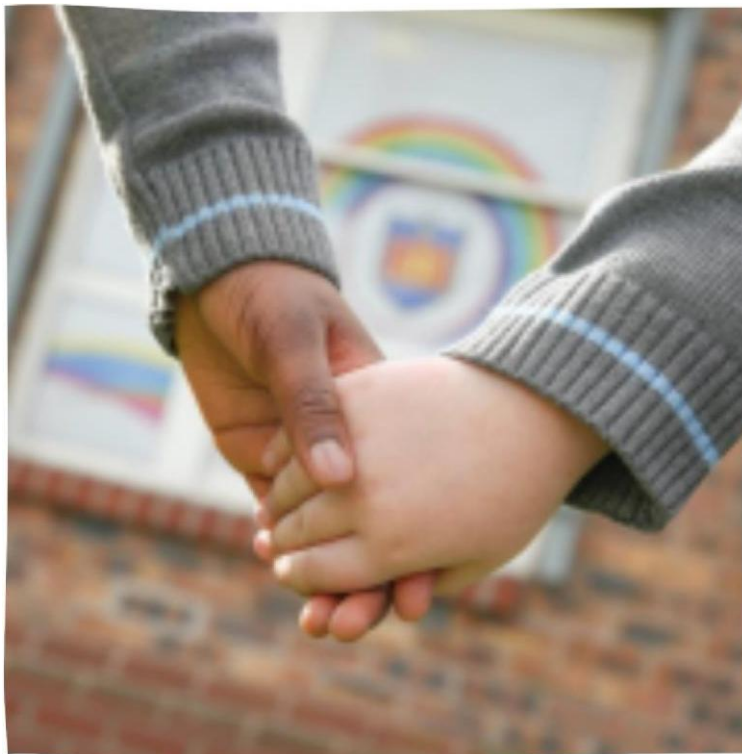




St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Uniform & Presentation Policy



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Love, Learn and Shine Together with Jesus

Mission Statement

This is St Matthew's Catholic Primary School Uniform and Presentation Policy and is set within the context of the whole school's aims and Mission Statement:

'Love, Learn and Shine together with Jesus.'

Our school is committed to preparing children for life in society. We encourage smart appearance and pride in the school.

Aims & Objectives

This policy aims to set out the expectations of the school uniform policy and acceptable appearance and presentation in school.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Supports the school safeguarding and health and safety policies;
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging towards the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from wearing fashion clothes and hairstyles that may be distracting;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money
- is practical and smart and designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform Requirements

Reception

To Be Worn All Year Round

Blue school tracksuit with school badge, light blue polo with badge, white, grey or black socks and sensible plain black shoes/trainers (no colours) with Velcro fasteners (if possible).



In the summer term, your child may wish to wear the summer uniform as listed below if you prefer.

PE Kit

Reception will be split into one of the four houses on induction into school. Your child will be issued with a colour badge, and we ask that families purchase the PE Top to match, these are as follows:

- Chavasse – Blue
- Braddock – Yellow
- Wilkinson – Green
- Archer – Red

Years 1 – 6

Boys	Girls
Autumn / Spring (September – Easter) Grey jumper with school badge, white shirt, grey & blue tie, grey trousers, grey socks and sensible black shoes (no trainers).	Autumn / Spring (September – Easter) Grey slip (box pleat style), white shirt, grey & blue tie, grey cardigan with the school badge, grey or white socks and sensible black shoes (no trainers).
Summer Term (Easter – July) Grey tank top with the school badge on, white short-sleeved shirt, grey & blue tie, grey trousers or shorts, grey socks and sensible black shoes. (No trainers).	Summer Term (Easter – July) Blue and white checked summer dress, grey cardigan with the school badge, white socks and sensible black shoes (no trainers).

PE Kit

From **September 2025**, all children are to have a **navy blue sports tracksuit** for their PE Lessons.

Children are grouped into Houses named after notable figures from Liverpool. Starting in September 2025, we kindly ask that they wear PE tops in their House color:

- Red – Archer
- Yellow – Braddock
- Green – Wilkinson
- Blue – Chavasse

New Admissions: You will be notified closer to the start of the academic year about your child's assigned House.

Please note that base layers can be worn provided they are plain Black, Blue or Red, and these should not replace the tracksuit. Leggings of any type are not permitted.



Swimming (KS2 Only)

Boys – Swimming trunks of the appropriate size (**not Bermuda shorts**)

Girls – **One-piece** swimming costume of the appropriate size

Swimming caps are required for all girls and boys.

Suppliers

All badged school uniforms, girls slips and summer dresses can be purchased from

F&J Uniform

110 Muirhead Avenue Liverpool

L11 1EL

Telephone: 0151 3450070

Instagram: fj_uniform Facebook F&Juniform

Brienda Ltd

74 Muirhead Avenue East Liverpool

L11 1EL

Telephone: 0151 226 3333

Also available to purchase are bookbags and satchels

The school has recently purchased school badges that can be ironed onto items of uniform, at the cost of £1. Please ask at the school office if you would like to purchase one.

Marking Clothing

All clothing items must be labelled with the child's name. The school will not be responsible for any lost items.

Coats

If you choose to send your child to school in an expensive/designer/named coat, this will be at your own risk and the school will take no responsibility for loss or damage.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with heels, sling backs or platforms. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated above.

If children attend school with inappropriate footwear, they will be given school pumps to wear indoors.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Please support us by following school policy when taking your child for a haircut.

Children must not have extreme hairstyles. Lines or patterns shaved into the hair and dyed hair are not permitted. All hair, longer than collar length must be tied back at all times.

Any hair accessories should be plain and either blue, grey or white, please note hair bows should be small in size and appropriate for school wear.

Shaved patterns or lines in eyebrows are not allowed.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons jewellery such as bracelets, rings, necklaces and chains must not be worn. Small, plain stud earrings may currently be worn at parents' risk –diamond, hoop or drop-type earrings are not allowed. Wrist watches (not Smartwatches Watches) may be worn but removed for P.E., dance and games, again at parents' risk.

Nails

Nail varnish must not be worn in school. False nails are not allowed. School has nail varnish remover and may ask a child to take nail varnish off in school.

Other

Fake tattoos and transfers are not permitted.

Religious Headdress & Observances

We respect and uphold the principles of the Equality Act 2010 and British Values, ensuring that all children feel included and valued within our school community. The wearing of religious headdress will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the child's religion and age to ensure their safety, comfort, and full participation in school activities.

Religious Fasting

We recognise that some families may wish for their children to observe religious fasting. However, in the best interests of the child's health, concentration, and engagement, we must insist that food and drink are consumed during the school day to support brain function and active participation in learning. We encourage open discussions with families to find appropriate ways to honour religious commitments while prioritising the child's well-being.

The role of parents and carers

St Matthew's believes that the responsibilities of parents are to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, PE kit and expectations of appearance as stated above, it should be clean, in good repair and the child's name written on all items.

If any parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak to a senior member of staff to discuss their issues.

Children arriving at school with incorrect uniforms may be given uniforms from our supply of spares. The same system will apply to those children who do not bring PE kits. Continually arriving at school without appropriate uniforms will result in parents being contacted.

We ask all parents and carers to support us in this school uniform policy by sending their child to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. No child should be made to stand out by breaking our school uniform policy, our aim is to ensure equality.

St. Matthew's is an inclusive school community. If there are genuine reasons why parents or carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look at such requests.

Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents or carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. We will ensure that we work with parents and carers to meet individual needs as far as possible.

We will also support any families who are in need, by providing items of uniform, please contact the school.

If a child continually does not follow our uniform and presentation policy, parents/carers will be invited to a meeting with school leadership to discuss the matter further and plan a way forward.

The role of Governors

It is for the governing body of a school to decide whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so, what that should be. This flows from the duties placed upon all governing bodies by statute to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body. It is also for the governing body to decide how the uniform should be sourced.

The Department of Education strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of the governors to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.