



# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

## School Uniform Policy

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It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending St Edmund's Catholic Primary School and when participating in school-organised events during and outside normal school hours. **This fosters a feeling of belonging to our community, and helps children feel equal to each other.**

The school governors and leadership team consider personal appearance of the greatest importance and all pupils are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that their child arrives at school in accordance with the School Uniform Policy.

Children are not allowed to wear the following, **Trainers, Boots, Hoodies, Denims, Leather or Brightly Coloured Coats, Brightly Coloured Hats or Scarves or any item of clothing with branding or logos. These items do not comply with St Edmund's Catholic Primary School's Uniform Policy.** As fashion trends can vary, the Head Teacher reserves the right to introduce additional instructions regarding uniform and presentation as and when necessary to preserve the general ethos of the School Uniform policy.

## 1. Aims and objectives:

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school and a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical, smart and identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money and has been designed with health and safety in mind.

## 2. Approved School Uniform:

**BOYS**            Grey or black trousers or shorts  
White polo shirt  
Red school sweatshirt or plain red jumper  
Grey or black socks  
Black shoes or plain black trainers  
Plain black, grey or navy coat / jacket / plain coloured coat.

**GIRLS**            Grey or black trousers, shorts or culottes  
Grey skirt or pinafore dress  
Red school sweatshirt or plain red cardigan  
White polo shirt  
Red and white check dress in the summer  
Grey or white socks or tights  
Black flat heeled shoes or plain black trainers

(Plain white trainers in the summer)  
Plain black, grey or navy coat or jacket / plain coloured coat.

**PE KIT** Navy or black shorts or leggings  
Plain white T-shirt  
White socks  
Plimsolls  
A plain navy or grey sweatshirt and track bottoms may be worn in cold weather  
A plain swimming costume or trunks for swimming (you will be notified in advance when your child needs this)

### **3. Hair:**

Haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children are not permitted. This includes extreme hair fashions, close shaved hair and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair or eyebrows. Girls and boys who have long hair must have it tied back. If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band to tie hair up with. Blue or black sensible and simple hair accessories are permitted but not, for example, big blue or black flowers. **The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed.** This also helps with health & safety in PE because some of the styling products can come off onto the PE mats, causing them to have a slippery surface which is obviously dangerous for any child. Make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

### **4. Footwear:**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. We also do not allow children to wear any kind of boots or trainers, even on non-uniform days.

### **5. 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 the responsibility to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If a child attends school without the correct school uniform or PE kit, or shoes, the Parent/Guardian will be contacted and requested to bring in the correct uniform to school. Failure to adhere to St Edmund's Catholic Primary School Uniform Policy will result in a breach of our school uniform policy and you will be requested to meet with the Headteacher.

### **6. The Role of Governors:**

The Governing Body supports the Head of School in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy

helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

This policy cannot deal with every possible new fashion and variation of dress and hairstyles. The Head Teacher, supported by the Governing Body, reserves the right to take exception to hairstyles and dress which deliberately breach the general school dress code.

### **7. Parental Support Expectations**

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

**This Policy was created in May 2023. The next update will be when any changes/amendments are made to the school uniform.**

**The new uniform was agreed by governors on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 The Head of School is responsible for this Policy.**

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All Pupils are expected to wear proper school uniform with black shoes, (not trainers or Boots). Appropriate clothing must be worn for swimming, games and PE lessons. It is very important that each item of clothing is clearly marked with your child's name; sew-on tabs are ideal. Uniform can be purchased online, please follow this link: ([School Uniform Shop](#))