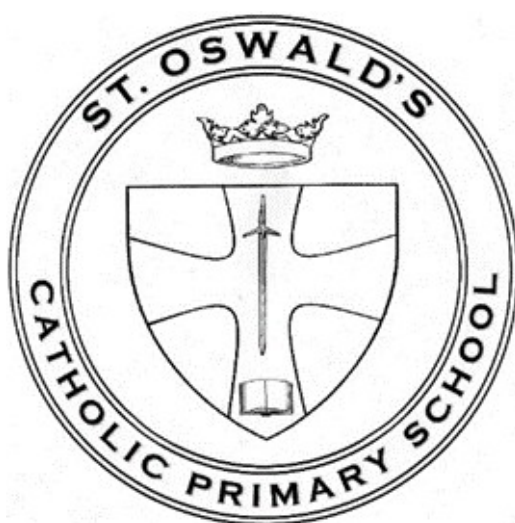


St Oswald's Catholic Primary School



School Uniform and Presentation Policy 2023-2024

Agreed by:	Approval date	Review Date
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Mission Statement

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

"Together with Jesus, we will learn and Grow in Faith".

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

Aims and Objectives

This policy aims to set out clearly 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:

- ☐ 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

Winter

Nursery

White polo shirt, bottle green sweatshirt with school crest, bottle green or black jogging bottoms. Sensible black shoes with Velcro fasteners.

Reception

White polo shirt, bottle green sweatshirt both with gold embroidered school badge, grey skirt/pinafore/trousers. White or grey socks Sensible black shoes with Velcro fasteners..

Years 1-6

White shirt, bottle green cardigan/jumper with gold embroidered school badge, grey skirt/pinafore/trousers, tartan tie for boys and tartan bow for girls. No trainers allowed. White or grey socks. Black school shoes.

PE Kit

White T-shirt with gold badge, black shorts, black pumps.

Summer Uniform

Girls- green school summer dress (green check) with white or black school shoes only

Boys- white polo shirt or white school shirt and tartan tie, grey shorts/trousers with black school shoes

Swimming

Swimming trunks of the appropriate size (not Bermuda shorts)

One-piece swimming costume of the appropriate size

Swimming caps are required for all long hair

No jewellery is allowed during swimming lessons

Marking Clothing

All articles of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's name. School will take no responsibility for children losing their clothing.

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. Girls may wear white shoes in summer.

If children attend school with inappropriate footwear they will be given school plimsolls 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 hairstyles which are extreme. This includes hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top or areas are shaved.

Lines or patterns shaved into the hair are not permitted.

Top knots and dyed hair are also not allowed.

All long hair must be tied back.

Any hair accessories should be plain and either green, black or white.

Shaved patterns or lines in eye brows are not allowed.

Jewellery

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 may be worn but removed for P.E., dance and games, again at parents' risk. No smart watches allowed.

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.

The role of parents and carers

St Oswald's believes that the responsibilities of parents is 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 to school with incorrect uniform may be given uniform 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 uniform 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. Oswald'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.

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.

We will also support any families who are in need, by providing items of second-hand uniform, please contact Mrs Finch or Mrs Mahon regarding this.

School stockists are Tesco on line and the Uniform shop on Broadgreen Road. Ties are available from the school offices.

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.