St Clare's Catholic Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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Signed on behalf of approving body	Roxanna Drake

Aims

We believe that school uniform is important:

- It looks smart
- Wears well
- Contributes to a sense of belonging and community
- Gives a common purpose
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Fosters a feeling of pride
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

This policy sets out the uniform for Reception to Year 6 and how we support affordable, safe and inclusive participation. Parents include carers and others with parental responsibility. All requirements are subject to the individual adjustments described below.

Items listed below are required unless marked optional or offered as alternatives. Skirts, pinafores, shorts and trousers are available as choices for all pupils. An optional summer dress replaces the usual shirt and skirt, shorts or trousers; a tie is not required with it.

Daily uniform Reception to Year 5

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo (choose).
- White polo shirt with the school logo.
- Grey skirt/pinafore dress, shorts or trousers
- An optional red checked summer dress can be worn in warmer weather
- Black sensible school shoes; trainers are not normally worn, subject to agreed adjustments.

Daily uniform Year 6

- Black sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo (choose).
- White shirt and plain red tie; a generic red tie is acceptable.
- Black skirt/pinafore dress, shorts or trousers
- An optional red checked summer dress can be worn in warmer weather
- Black sensible school shoes; trainers are not normally worn, subject to agreed adjustments.

PE kit

Required: plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts or joggers.

Required footwear: black pumps or trainers suitable for the activity. Staff will advise on safe footwear for particular activities.

No school-logo PE items are required.

Optional: plain black sweatshirt for warmth during outdoor PE.

All items of PE kit, including footwear, should be labelled with the child’s name.

Pupils should come to school in PE kit on their PE day. The class teacher will advise parents and carers of the day at the start of the school year and communicate any changes.

In extreme heat or cold, the headteacher will communicate suitable temporary changes to uniform and PE kit.

Jewellery

Watches and small stud earrings may be worn during the normal school day. All jewellery, including earrings, other body piercings and watches, must be removed before PE and school sport. Covering earrings with tape or plasters is not an alternative to removal.

Parents and carers should arrange for jewellery to be removed before school on PE days if their child cannot remove it independently. Staff will check before the activity begins and will not remove piercings for pupils.

If jewellery cannot be removed, staff will assess the specific risk and arrange a safe alternative physical activity or adapted task. The child must not simply be left out of learning. Parents should discuss religious articles or medical needs with the headteacher in advance; any necessary adjustment will be considered individually, recorded and supported by a risk assessment. Taping earrings does not satisfy the removal rule.

Make up nail varnish and nail extensions

Make-up, nail varnish and nail extensions are not permitted, subject to any necessary individual adjustment.

School uniform suppliers

School-logo items are available from Natasha's School Uniform Shop, 37 Westgate, Bradford, BD1 2QT; telephone 01274 724676. The school office can confirm current supplier details.

All generic items may be purchased from any retailer, including supermarkets and second-hand sources, provided they meet the descriptions in this policy.

The school will maintain written agreements for branded supplies, prioritise cost, quality and durability, and monitor value for money. Exclusive supply arrangements will be competitively re-tendered at least every five years. Savings will be passed to parents; cashback arrangements will not be used.

Affordability and support

The school will keep uniform affordable, assess total and individual costs, consult parents and pupils, and review the extra cost of the Year 6 variation. Branding will be kept to a minimum. Changes will allow reasonable notice and transition arrangements.

Families needing help should contact the school office confidentially. Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium are entitled to free uniform under the school's support arrangements; the office will explain how to access this. Other families experiencing hardship should also contact the office to discuss assistance.

The school will arrange access to second-hand uniform for current and prospective families, publish how to obtain and donate it on its website, and provide details through the office. Access will not depend on paying to attend an event.

Limits on branded items

The school will not require more than three different branded items per pupil in a school year, including PE, bags and items required for clubs or other school activities. Branding includes a school or trust logo or name, and distinctive specifications available only from particular suppliers. The primary-school limit includes any branded tie; there is no extra tie allowance for Year 6.

Under this policy, Reception to Year 5 require two branded items: a sweatshirt or cardigan, and a polo shirt. Year 6 require one: a sweatshirt or cardigan. Other items are generic. Staff must not introduce additional compulsory branded kit outside this policy.

We ask parents and carers to support this policy, label clothing and footwear, and contact the school promptly if they need help. Pupils should tell a member of staff if an item is missing or uncomfortable. The school will help families resolve difficulties sensitively.

Equality and individual adjustments

The school will comply with the Equality Act 2010 and Human Rights Act 1998, avoid unlawful discrimination and make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils. Parents should contact the headteacher or SENDCO through the office about sensory needs, disability, medical needs, religious dress or other individual circumstances. Adjustments may include alternative footwear, fabrics, fastenings or PE clothing.

Requests will be considered individually with the family and pupil, recorded and reviewed. Any restriction must be justified and proportionate. Staff will respect agreed arrangements and address bullying related to clothing or appearance.

Supporting compliance and attendance

Staff will establish the reason for a uniform difficulty before taking action, discuss it privately with the family and offer practical support or temporary flexibility. Pupils unable to comply for financial reasons will not miss lessons, breaks or other school activities as a result.

Any response to deliberate non-compliance must be fair, proportionate and consistent with the behaviour policy and agreed adjustments. Any suspension must follow the formal statutory procedure; pupils must not be informally excluded.

Complaints

Parents should raise concerns with the headteacher through the school office. Unresolved concerns may be pursued through the school's published complaints procedure, available on the website or from the office.

Approval and review

The approving body, acting under the trust's scheme of delegation, will review this policy annually and sooner if legislation, guidance or school circumstances change. The school will publish the approved policy online and provide copies on request. Supplier, support and second-hand information will be kept up to date.

Legislation and guidance

Education Act 1996 sections 551ZA and 551A, as amended by the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021 and Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026

Equality Act 2010

Human Rights Act 1998

DfE Cost of school uniforms statutory guidance, updated 6 July 2026

DfE Developing school uniform policy, updated 6 July 2026

DfE Procuring school uniform supplies, updated 6 July 2026

afPE Health and Safety Update October 2024 on removing personal effects