



# St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust



## Uniform Policy

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# Policy

## Introduction

At St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy, our mission is 'Aim High, work hard, be kind'.

We aim to achieve our mission by being inclusive, maintaining a safe and stimulating learning environment, securing outstanding learning and teaching, delivering our agreed curriculum, following Gospel values and working with parents, carers and the wider community.

We believe at the Academy that our uniform policy both supports and strengthens what we aim to do in every aspect of Academy life.

The Governors and staff of St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy believe that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting the appropriate tone. Governors and staff strongly believe that the wearing of our school uniform by all pupils:

- Instils pride in our school
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Encourages identity with, and support for school ethos
- Ensures that pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome and included
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of pupils
- Supports effective teaching and learning

## Uniform

The school uniform will be worn by all pupils from Reception to Year 6 without exception. Second-hand items of school uniform can be purchased from the PTFA's second-hand shop. This is located in the main school office at various times of the year. Please see the school office for opening days and times.

We make every effort to ensure our school uniform is affordable and is good value for money. Any parent or guardian who cannot provide their child with items of school uniform for financial reasons should speak with the Headteacher in confidence.

## Suppliers

Children should wear a v-neck jumper or cardigan with the school logo as part of their school uniform and on P.E. days, the P.E. sweatshirt with the logo should be worn.

St John Fisher's school uniform provider is Earth Uniform. You may order uniform online by visiting: [www.earthuniform.com](http://www.earthuniform.com). You can contact Earth Uniform by email [hello@earthuniform.com](mailto:hello@earthuniform.com) or call them on 03332 229 229 Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

Please note, Earth Uniform allows you to order both uniform that carry the school logo and plain uniform. Only the uniform with the school logo is mandatory to be purchased through this website. All other school items can be purchased from stores such as Asda, Aldi, M&S, Tesco and general school outfitters. Our policy is to ensure that parents have a choice of retailers to purchase different items from.

Further information on Earth Uniform can be found here: [Earth Uniform Welcome Leaflet](#)

Our uniform consists of the following:

Winter uniform	Summer uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-grey trousers</li> <li>• Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers</li> <li>• Light blue shirt with standard collar</li> <li>• <i>School tie (navy/light blue stripe)*</i></li> <li>• <i>Navy v-necked knitted jumper or cardigan with the school badge*</i></li> <li>• Plain grey socks or tights</li> <li>• Sensible flat black shoes (not boots/trainers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-grey trousers/shorts</li> <li>• Mid-grey shorts or a light blue/white check dress</li> <li>• Light blue shirt with standard collar</li> <li>• <i>School tie (navy/light blue stripe)*</i></li> <li>• <i>Navy v-necked knitted jumper or cardigan with the school badge*</i></li> <li>• Plain grey socks or tights</li> <li>• Sensible flat black shoes (not boots/trainers)</li> </ul>

*\* These specific items can be purchased online at Earth Uniform - [www.earthuniform.com](http://www.earthuniform.com).*

### **P.E. Kit**

We require our children to come into school in their P.E. kit when it is their P.E. days (2 days a week). With this in mind, it is important that the P.E. uniform is adhered to as much as the standard uniform.

All pupils need the following:

Winter P.E. kit	Summer P.E. kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainers</li> <li>• Plimsolls</li> <li>• White t-shirt</li> <li>• Plain navy jogging bottoms/ Plain navy leggings</li> <li>• Suitable socks</li> <li>• Navy sweatshirt with the school logo*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainers</li> <li>• White t-shirt</li> <li>• Navy shorts or skorts</li> <li>• Suitable socks</li> <li>• Navy sweatshirt with the school logo*</li> </ul>

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### **Foundation Stage**

Children in the Foundation classes will require wellington boots and a waterproof coat/ jacket which will need to be clearly named and remain in school.

### **Footwear**

Black flat shoes which fully enclose the child's foot and are fastened with velcro or a buckle – sandals are not appropriate for health and safety reasons. Shoes with laces are acceptable in Key Stage 2, however children should be able to tie their laces independently.

Trainers are allowed as part of outdoor PE uniform only. Children will not be allowed to wear trainers during the school day.

Plimsolls are worn inside the school. They must be black.

As well as wearing school uniform pupils and parents at St John Fisher CVA are expected to abide by the following rules regarding appearance:

### **Jewellery**

In the interest of personal safety and security jewellery should not be worn in school.

If the child's ears are pierced, plain gold or silver studs may be worn but must be removed for P.E. classes. Children will not be permitted to wear other studs e.g. Nose studs.

For safety reasons, children wearing inappropriate jewellery may be asked to remove it.

### **Watches**

Watches may be worn by children in Key Stage 2 to help children learn to tell time and to help record fitness e.g. on the active mile. However, if they become a distraction, children may be asked to remove them.

### **Hair styles**

- Hair should be one natural colour, no hair dye.
- The style should be appropriate for school; hair should not obstruct pupils' vision.
- Tramlines, patterns and sculpting is not appropriate for school.
- Novelty headwear should not be worn.
- Pupils with long hair must have this tied back.
- Hair bands and hair ties should be a simple light blue, navy or black to match the school uniform and be of a reasonable size.
- Children wearing incorrect bows and decorations will be asked to remove them and will be provided with a band.

The wearing of make-up, nail varnish or temporary tattoos is not permitted in school.

### **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 learning. If children attend school wearing the incorrect school uniform, they will be given a letter explaining what changes are required to be made.

**Please note: It is essential that all items of clothing (including shoes and plimsolls) are clearly labelled with the pupil's name.**

### **Lost property**

While we actively encourage the naming and labelling of uniform items, in reality, this does not always happen and we are sometimes left with a cache of lost property comprising mainly of unnamed items, we will endeavour to do all to re-connect uniform with their owners but if this is not possible. Lost property after a period of time will be donated to our PTFA who will then sell on for school funds at much reduced rate. Likewise, if we receive donations of used uniform, they will sold on at a reasonable rate.