



St. Anne's R.C. Primary School

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School Uniform Policy

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Signed Chair of Governors

Date

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Primary School

Mission Statement

As a Catholic community, we value every single member as a unique creation made in the image of God. We work together to help everyone to realise their God-given talents and their part in God's plan. Our school is a place of peace, tolerance and fairness where we follow Christ's example of loving God and loving others. Our ultimate aim is to give our community the prospects, belief and hope that every tomorrow can be a better day.

St. Anne's - making tomorrow a better day.

Statement of Intent

St. Anne's R.C. Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensuring that no child is discriminated against due to their economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provisions to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality at its heart.

Additionally, it is important that our pupils feel a sense of belonging to our school. We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children regardless of their backgrounds, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance.

We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity- appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

1. Legal Framework

1.1 This policy has due regard to all legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Education Act 2011
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010
- The General Data Protection Regulation
- Data Protection Act 2018

This policy also has due regard to all relevant guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2014) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2013) 'School Uniform'
- DfE (2015) Cost of school uniform

1.2 This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies and documents:

- Home-School Agreement
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Complaints Policy

2. Cost and availability

- 2.1 Under the school Admissions Code 2014, the school must ensure that "policies around school uniform or school trips do not discourage parents / carers from applying for a place for their child."
- 2.2 St. Anne's R.C. Primary School is committed to fulfilling the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money. Every care has been taken to ensure that our uniforms are affordable for all current and potential pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.
- 2.3 St. Anne's R.C. Primary School works with "Whittakers Schoolwear," Church St., Blackburn to obtain the best value for money possible. Any savings negotiated are passed to parents / carers wherever possible. School also has a stock of used uniform that is made available to our vulnerable families
- 2.4 The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes into account the views of parents / carers and pupils when considering changes to school uniforms.
- 2.5 Where whole sale changes are required, the school ensures that a transitional period for the phasing in of the new uniform is adhered to, in order to cut down on unnecessary additional costs for families.
- 2.6 Assistance is provided to vulnerable parents / carers who are struggling to meet the associated costs.

3. Religious clothing

- 3.1 Some religions and beliefs require their members to conform to a specific dress code. St. Anne's R.C. Primary School does not discriminate against any religion or belief; however, the school must weigh the needs and rights of individual pupils against the cohesion and health and safety concerns of the entire school community. The school endeavours to allow most religious requirements to be met.

- 3.2 Parents' / carers' concerns and requests regarding religious clothing are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the headteacher and governing body, and always in accordance with school's complaints policy.

4. Equality

- 4.1 The school is required to ensure that the Uniform Policy does not discriminate unlawfully. Every step has been taken by St. Anne's R.C. Primary School to ensure that the cost of girls' and boys' uniforms are not disproportionate.

5. Complaints and challenges

- 5.1 The school endeavours to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's complaints policy, parents / carers can lodge complaints via contract details.
- 5.2 When a complaint is received, the school works with parents / carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- 5.3 Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

6. Non-compliance

- 6.1 The Headteacher, or a person authorised by the headteacher, is permitted to ask a parent / carer or emergency contact to remedy a uniform breach by bringing in items from home for the child to change into, or in extreme circumstances to take the child home to rectify the uniform breach e.g. in the case of inappropriate nail varnish etc.
- 6.2 When deciding whether to allow a pupil to return home, the school takes into account the pupil's age and vulnerability, the length of time it will take, and the availability of the pupil's parents / carers. School will consider whether the setting of remote learning tasks is appropriate for the child depending on the length of time spent out of school rectifying the said uniform breach.
- 6.3 Where a pupil has been sent home to rectify uniform breaches, the first absence will be recorded as 'authorised.'
- 6.4 Where a pupil has been sent home to rectify similar uniform breaches on more than one occasion over a recent time frame, this will be recorded as being 'unauthorised.'
- 6.5 Parents / carers will be notified in all such cases.

7. School Uniform

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo preferred)
Light blue polo shirt (school logo preferred)
Grey trousers, shirts, skirt or pinafore dress (unbranded)
Grey or white socks or tights (unbranded)
Blue & White checked dress for the warmer school months



Nursery

Light blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo preferred)
Light blue polo shirt (school logo preferred)
Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress (unbranded)
Grey or white socks or tights (unbranded)
Blue & White checked dress for the warmer school months



PE Kit

House coloured T Shirt (school logo preferred)
Royal blue shorts (unbranded)
Black PE pumps (unbranded)
Key Stage 2 trainers for outdoor PE



Children in Reception – Y6 require a PE kit. All parts of the kit should be named, as should the kit bag. Parents and Carers are to ensure that their child has their PE kit in school every day as sometimes PE sessions may change.

All of the above uniform is available in good quality for a reasonable price from Whittakers, The Pavillions, Church Street Blackburn although the unbranded items are available from a variety of high street stores. School has a stock of used uniform that is also made available to our vulnerable families.

8. Footwear

Black shoes should be worn. Pupils are not permitted to wear boots. If a pupil needs to wear “wellies” or warm boots to travel to school in comfort they must have their normal school shoes with them to change into.

9. Jewellery, Presentation, Bags, Packed Lunches & Non Uniform Days

9.1 One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are acceptable.

9.2 Pupils are not permitted to wear any other jewellery in the school grounds due to health and safety risks, unless prior permission has been sought from the Headteacher for religious reasons. No earrings may be worn for PE – if a child

cannot remove and replace their own earrings, they must not be worn on a day that a child has a P.E. lesson. We strongly advise that children only be taken for ear piercing at the start of the six week Summer holidays so that ears have time to heal. If a child has their ears pierced during school time, they would potentially miss six weeks of P.E. as we do not permit children to do P.E. with plasters covering earrings for health and safety reasons.

9.3 Children may wear a simple watch (if a digital watch is causing distraction staff may ask the child to remove it – watches should also be removed for PE).

9.4 Presentation: Make-up, nail polish, false tan, false lashes and any form of false fingernails are not permitted. Hairstyles that are extreme in terms of cut or colour are not permitted in school. Hair must be one natural colour. Pupils with hair longer than shoulder length must tie their hair back. Children must not have patterns shaved into hair whilst razor shaves on the back and sides should be no shorter than a “2” in grade.

9.5 Bags: Children should only bring book bags to school – no rucksacks or back packs. The hooks and trolleys in school are not big enough to hold these and as such they end up on the floor which causes a trip hazard. Exceptions are made for Key Stage Two children on the day that they go swimming, children for whom we know bring medical equipment and for Nursery children who may require a change of clothes. Y6 will also be permitted to bring rucksacks from January onwards so that they can take revision packs to and from school. All books, including book bags should be named. PE kits should be in PE bags, not large bags. PE bags should be named also.

9.6 Packed lunches should be sent in lunchboxes, not large bags or plastic bags.

9.7 Non uniform days: We regularly hold non-uniform and theme-based dressing up days. Whilst we want these to be fun and memorable occasions, we ask that parents ensure that in these special days, children are still dressed in a way that will keep them safe, including when playing out. The following are not allowed even as part of a costume: short skirts / shorts, high heeled shoes and tops that show the child’s midriff (stomach area).

Used school uniform

Parents can access used school uniform from the school office for a significantly reduced price.

This policy is communicate via the school website which is shared with parents/carers.