St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy

Mission Statement 'Enter to learn, learn to serve'

At St Anthony's, it is our mission to provide a high quality education, in a Gospel-centered community, where individual needs and talents are appreciated and catered for. We will strive for excellence in all that we do. At all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us do something beautiful for God

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1. Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Uniform can be purchased at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. Our uniform supplier is Embroidery In House. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

2. Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

3. Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either blue or black. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached and fashion accessories should not be worn. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. Hair should be neat and tidy and we recommend that long hair be tied back whilst in school. During the summer months, only prescription sun glasses are permitted and children can wear sun hats outdoors.

4. Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building. Indoor footwear to be worn in wet weather.

5. The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

6. The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

7. Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

School Uniform List

For girls:

- Dark grey skirt/pinafore dress/trousers or navy blue and white checked summer dresses
- Gold polo shirt (with the St Anthony's logo)
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with the St Anthony's logo)
- Plain white short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- black, navy or grey tights

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. When girls wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length. Three-quarter, calf length, leggings should not be worn.

For boys:

- Dark grey shorts or trousers **not** jogging bottoms
- Gold polo shirt (with the St Anthony's logo)
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with the St Anthony's logo)

Reversible waterproof coats, with the school logo, which are suitable for boys and girls, are also available from our uniform suppliers. Please note that children should not wear scarves inside the school building.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground. Winter boots should not be worn in school.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Long hair should be tied back for P.E. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

Girls and boys wear:

- navy blue shorts
- white t-shirt (with St Anthony's logo)
- a pair of black pumps – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children. Trainers for outdoor PE (KS2)
- navy or black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather.

Uniform items can be purchased from Embroidery In House, 182 Highgate Road, Clayton Heights, Bradford BD13 1DS. https://www.embroideryinhouse.com/ Uniform can also be purchased locally from the Uniform Shop, 50-52 Darley St, Bradford BD1 3HN.