Christ the King Catholic Academy

School Uniform Policy

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending our school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our website.

Aims and objectives - 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;
- is practical and smart, designed with health and safety in mind;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents

Jewellery - Children may wear a small, simple analogue or digital watch (no smart watches) and one pair of stud (ball shaped not a flat disk) earrings only. Earrings must be no larger than 4mm width and be gold or silver in colour. This means no hoops, drops or gemstones.

All jewellery including piercings must be removed before a child comes to school (unless the child can easily remove it themselves) for P.E, sport, dance and games lessons. Putting plasters over piercings in order to participate is no longer deemed safe.

If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer break to allow time for the wounds to heal for the start of the new school year. We ask that children's ears are not pierced mid term or at the start of a short two week holiday due to the impact on their learning and physical development. Any reputable piercing firm will state a minimum of four weeks for the ears to heal, usually 6-8 weeks.

We accept that some jewellery is essential for religious purposes. If this is the case for your child, please contact Mrs Smith to discuss the matter further.

Hair Styles - Long hair should be tied back off the face. If hair can be put in a bobble, the expectation is that it is. The school does not permit children to have haircuts with patterns, logos, shaved or dyed (including perms). Hair should be natural in colour. Short hair should have an even cut equivalent to a number 2 or higher.

Make up - Makeup including tinted/plumping lip gloss, fake eye lashes and clear mascara is not permitted. Children found wearing make up will be asked to wash it off. Temporary tattoos and transfers are not permitted. We are mindful, for religious reasons, some pupils may use henna as part of a faith celebration. If this is the case, please explore this directly with Mrs Smith.

Nail Varnish -False nails (acrylic or stick on), gel polish and nail varnish are not permitted on a daily basis. If a child arrives with nail varnish on their fingers they will be asked to remove it using remover pads provided by school. However, if you have a special occasion coming up for which your child would like to wear nail varnish/have acrylic nails applied and they will need to have it on in school for a limited period of time, please discuss first with the Executive Head Teacher.

Footwear - The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school so do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. If your child arrives in the wrong footwear they will be asked to change into their school pumps or given a pair from the spare stock in school. School welcomes donations of these items to support our community.

The role of parents We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct clean uniform and that it is in good repair. Should you be unable to meet these expectations, discussions with your child's class teacher or family support staff are welcomed. School can, and does regularly, support families with access to "pre-loved" items as well as uniform washing/drying facilities.

Christ the King's School Uniform

- Blue or yellow t-shirt plain or embroidered with the school logo
- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or knitted woollen v-neck jumper (plain or embroidered with logo)
- Black school trousers, black knee length skirt or black pinafore (blue or yellow checked / striped or plain dress optional in the Summer term)
- Black tights or black/white knee length socks or ankle socks if wearing trousers
- Black flat sensible shoes tied with black laces or velcro (no heels, no boots or trainers)
- **Year 6 are required to wear a white shirt and school tie along with a royal blue cardigan or jumper**

Christ the King's P.E. Kit

- White and royal blue sports t-shirt printed with school logo
- Royal blue plain shorts (blue joggers can be worn during winter months)
- Black pumps or white/black trainers (if pumps won't fit) with socks
- Royal blue sports jacket printed with school logo (optional)

Christ the King's Swimming Kit *Year 4 only*

Swimming costume or swimming trunks and a towel. Goggles and/or ear plugs - if consent forms have been signed prior to the swimming lesson.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Smith - Executive Head teacher