



School Uniform Policy

Introduction

1.1 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

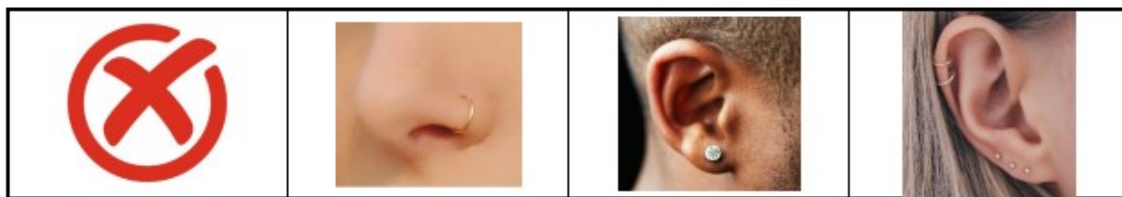
- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- earring studs in pierced ears for children in Key Stage 2.
- a wrist watch

3.2 If pupils have pierced ears, one small plain (up 4mm) piercing may be worn in each ear lobe. No other facial or body piercings are permitted – including the use of clear piercings. Coloured stones and gems as well as looped earrings are not permitted. For health and safety reasons, students will be expected to remove piercings for PE, so will need to consider this when planning to get their ears pierced.



Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

4.3 As a school we promote traditional uniform and therefore traditional hair styles. Any student with hair style deemed unacceptable by the Principal, will be required to change it. Extremes of any style are not permitted; therefore, hair colourings should only be natural, and lines or patterns cut into hair are not permitted (this includes eyebrows). Full or partially shaved hair is not appropriate for school (therefore bald/skin fades are not permitted).



Footwear

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school, as they are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

5.2. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring with them black school shoes to change into.

5.3 Fashion shoes; boots; trainers; plimsolls; heeled shoes or sandals are NOT permitted and will be challenged and required to be changed.

The role of parents

6.1 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 schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The role of governors

7.1 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.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

8.1 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;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

The School Uniform is:

Autumn / Winter	
Boys	Girls
White school shirt	White school shirt
Grey 'v' neck school pullover	Grey 'v' neck school cardigan/pullover
School tie	School tie
Grey school trousers (short or long)	Grey school skirt/pinafore dress or grey school trousers
Plain grey or black socks	Plain grey, black or white socks Plain grey or black tights
Shoes *	Shoes *

Spring / Summer	
Boys	Girls
Pale blue polo shirt (with school logo) or short-sleeved school shirt and school tie	Pale blue polo shirt (with school logo) or short-sleeved open neck school blouse (with school logo)
Grey 'v' neck school pullover	Blue and white checked or striped dress or grey school skirt/trousers
Grey school trousers (short or long)	Grey 'v' neck school cardigan/pullover
Plain grey or black socks	Plain grey or white socks
Shoes *	Plain grey or black tights
	Shoes or sandals *

PE Kit
Blue t- shirt with school logo
Navy blue shorts
Black plimsolls
Full zip training top (optional for cold weather)

*Should be suitable for school use taking into account that children have to negotiate stairs and are involved in informal games in the playground. Shoes must be black in colour and have a velcro strap/ buckle strap or laces. Trainers or boots may not be worn.

School jumper

Please note that any grey V-necked pullover is permissible. For special occasions (i.e. school photographs or whole school Masses), school stipulates that the branded school jumper with badge is worn.

This is available from Monkhouse or Concept Schoolwear : <https://www.monkhouse.com/school/st-ambrose-barlow-catholic-primary-school-hall-green-urn-103465>

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together**.



Dress for Swimming

On a rota basis, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 children attend swimming lessons and will need swimming costumes. Please note that the policy of the local swimming baths does not allow boys to wear baggy or long shorts (trunks are the best option). Girls are required to have their long hair tied back and they not allowed to wear two-piece costumes. All children will require a swimming hat and goggles.

All school uniform should be clearly labelled.

Please note that if ears have been pierced, plain stud ear rings maybe worn from Year Three to Year Six. Ear rings are not permitted in Reception or Key Stage 1. No other jewellery is allowed, except for a watch.

