*Learning, to make a difference, in God's world*

# Pilgrims' Cross CE Aided Primary School

# Uniform Policy

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**At Pilgrims' Cross CE Primary School, we aim to foster a feeling of community within our school. We therefore prefer all children to wear school uniform. We believe that it is smart; gives the school its own identity and gives your child a sense of belonging and togetherness. By creating a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background, a school uniform can act as a social leveller. It can reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes. If, however, the uniform is too expensive it can place an unreasonable burden on families. Furthermore, if a distinction can be made between those who can afford it and those who cannot, this can reduce the benefits of a uniform and has the potential to negatively impact attendance, access and participation, and lead to bullying.**

So, following the latest uniform guidance from the Government, at Pilgrims' Cross, we believe that parents/carers should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing to apply for a place at our school. Therefore, we ensure that their uniform is affordable.

In considering cost, we have thought about the total cost of the school uniform, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents/carers will need to provide while their child is at the school.

We keep the use of branded items to a minimum.

Schools should ensure that our uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money (including the quality and durability of the garment). We avoid single supplier contracts and run regular tendering competitions, where more than one supplier can compete for the contract and where the best value for money is secured. This contract will be re-tendered at least every 5 years.

**Our uniform includes:**

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| White shirts and blouses, tucked in please | A School tie (Year R-2 children, ties can be on elastic) |
| Grey trousers (long or short) | Grey skirts/pinafore dresses (knee length) |
| Maroon Jumpers and cardigans (this is the only item which must have a school logo on it*) | Summer dresses (red/maroon gingham) |
| Strong, sensible black shoes or closed toe sandals (Velcro shoes are easier for younger children) | Strong, simple black boots are allowed in the winter |
| White or grey socks | Grey or maroon plain tights |
| Sensible and smart hair styles | Long hair, worn up |

* There are second-hand jumpers & cardigans available from the school office

The school recommends suppliers for the school uniform, who sell an attractive range of school clothing. This has the advantage of items having the **school logo** sewn into some of the garments. Please ask the school office for the order forms or go directly to the suppliers' websites www.happyfish.co.uk and www.skoolkit.co.uk

The items you can order through our suppliers with the school logo are:

- Maroon cardigan
- Maroon jumper
- White PE t-shirt
- Maroon PE shorts
- Sun cap for summer
- PE bag
- Book bag
- Rucksacks
- Coats

**We stipulate that your child's maroon jumper or cardigan has a school logo and that your child wears a Pilgrims' Cross tie. All other items with a school logo or name are optional.** We carry a stock of pre-loved items of clothing, which are available cheaper than/at the price of unbranded supermarket clothing, so as not to disadvantage any family who cannot afford uniform. Please speak to the school office for further details of how to acquire the needed items at low cost.

If you need assistance with your child's school uniform costs or your child is registered as pupil premium we can offer you a discount on the cost of the uniform. If this would be helpful then please let us know, as we would not want any child to feel different and not have the school uniform.

We respectfully ask parents to **'name'** all items of school clothing. We accumulate many items with no names throughout the year and it can be frustrating for parents/carers if your child's clothing disappears. Clothing with no names could be accidently taken home by another child. To avoid this happening, please use sew-on or iron-on name labels or permanent pens to name your child's clothes.

**Dressing for PE**

- When we have PE in the hall, pupils wear a plain (school logoed is optional) white T-shirt and a pair of maroon, grey or black PE sports shorts. All indoor PE is done in bare feet.
- Your child will also need suitable warm clothing for outdoor games in cold weather. This includes trainers or plimsolls and a tracksuit or jogging suit. **This must be plain black, grey or maroon, with no large sports logos/branding**. A school-logoed fleece is also available. If the field is damp, plimsolls can be very slippery so try to find plimsolls with a good tread. Trainers provide a much better grip, but we appreciate these are more expensive.
- **All Year 5/6 children** will require trainers as their sport requires greater precision and speed.
- If children have pierced ears, they must be able to remove their earrings or apply their own medical tape to cover them up. If this is not possible, please remove all earrings on your child's PE days.
- Children are to come in to school in PE kit on PE days.

## Dress code

We ask parents **not** to send their children to school wearing:

- Unsuitable shoes, such as high heels, mules, platform heels, open toed shoes or sandals
- Make up or nail varnish
- Jewellery, apart from medical bracelets
- Large hair accessories, including large bows or hair bands
- Hooped or dangly earrings- **only studs, please**.

This Policy has been influenced by the latest non-statutory Government guidance on developing school uniform policy and statutory cost of school uniforms guidance.