



UNIFORM POLICY 2026-2027

DATE POLICY AGREED:
SEPTEMBER 2026 ANNUAL REVIEW DATE: SEPTEMBER 2027

- ❖ THE HEADTEACHER IS: MS D WEBB
- ❖ THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS IS: MRS D JAMESON
- ❖ THE SENDCO IS: MRS B AJALA
- ❖ THE DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD IS: MS D WEBB

That all may have life - life in all its fullness

Our Mission Statement

The aim of our school is excellence in education in accordance with the teachings of the church.

We recognise that everyone is unique and has something to offer and we seek to develop each child's potential in a learning community where all are respected. We want every child to achieve and experience success.

Working in partnership with children, their parents, our parish and the wider community, we promote Christ's teaching as found in the Gospel so that 'all may have life, life in all its fullness'.

We aim to ensure this is done by;

- Praying together
- Living and working together as a loving, caring and forgiving community
- Valuing the experience and diversity of every person in our community
- Encouraging the children to achieve of their best – mentally, emotionally and spiritually
- Helping all in our community to experience the joy of learning and working together

School Uniform

This policy aims to set our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers;

Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010;

Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

OUR SCHOOL'S LEGAL DUTIES UNDER THE EQUALITY ACT 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils;
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back);
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable;
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons;
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols;
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the Headteacher who will answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristic (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wider range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents ability to shop around for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform is available at a reasonable cost and provides the best value for money for parents / carers.

We will do this by;

- Considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristic to low cost or long lasting items such as ties
- considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability;
- avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes;
- keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum;
- avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups;
- avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities;
- considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels;
- making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire secondhand uniform items;
- avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes.
- consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.

Expectations for school uniform

Expectations for school uniform at St Margaret Clitherow are consistently very high. It allows children to look smart, with the affordability for parents to maintain those high expectations

Girls will be welcome to wear grey uniform trousers or shorts should they wish.

We will no longer distinguish between summer and winter uniforms – you may choose the version that best suits your child and their needs throughout the year.

We do kindly ask that items are not mixed and matched for example:

If your child wears a polo shirt, it may be worn with trousers, shorts or a skirt.

If they wear a formal shirt, this must be worn with a tie.

Girls may wear a summer dress all year but this must be with socks and not tights,

Grey shorts / trousers

White short / long sleeved shirt

Navy & White tie (elasticated or normal)

White polo shirt (with school logo)

Royal blue knitwear school jumper (with school logo)

Royal blue school jumper

Black sensible shoes

White, grey or navy socks

Dark blue or black anorak/coat

Royal blue school cap

Blue/white gingham dress or Navy blue tunic/skirt

Navy gym-slip skirt

White blouse / shirt

Navy & White tie

White, navy socks / navy tights

White polo shirt

Royal blue school cardigan

Black sensible shoes (no boots)

Physical Education

White polo / t shirt

Royal blue shorts

Navy blue jogging bottoms

Black trainers

Navy blue sweatshirt top to match the bottoms

All pupils require a Royal blue document bag, P.E and Nylon coated swim bag.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name.

There is an expectation that children have appropriate, simple hairstyles (no razor or extreme cuts and no coloured hair).

General Rules

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn in school with the exception of very small stud earrings for girls. These must not be worn on PE and swimming days. Boys are not allowed earrings of any sort.

Wrist watches may be worn at parents' risk. These must be removed for physical education. The school does not accept liability for the loss of clothing or other property left by any person on the premises.

Hair & Hair Accessories

Girls must tie back long hair. Hair accessories should be plain black, white or green. Boys hair should be cut in a conventional style - no shaved heads, patterns, lines or long hair.

Nails

Nail varnish should not be worn.

Valuables

Money should not be brought to school. Children should not bring electronic games, toys, jewellery or anything of value to school. We cannot take responsibility for anything lost or broken.

Bags

Book bags and small backpacks are available in-store at Casey School wear. Health & safety reasons, no other bags or backpacks are permitted.

Approved Suppliers

www.caseyschoolwear.co.uk/primary-school/st-margaret-clitherow-catholic-primary-school.html

Caseysschoolwear LTD, 246 Blackfen Road , Sidcup Kent DA158PW & 02088508645

Expectations for our school community

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

on the school premises; travelling to and from school; at out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required).

Staff at St Margaret Clitherow will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in the correct uniform. They will reasonably remind any pupils and families not complying with the uniform policy to make sure they have the correct uniform but will follow up with the Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with letters home to parents and for on-going breaches a follow up meeting with parents/carers.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

Parents and Carers

We ask that all parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit and that every item is:

- clean
- clearly labelled with the child's name
- in good condition

Monitoring Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually. At every review, it will be approved by the Headteacher and the Governors