St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School
School Uniform Policy
2025-2027

1 Introduction
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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform at the end of this policy.

Our Catholic Ethos and School Uniform

At St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School, our uniform policy is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We believe that wearing our school uniform helps our children grow in respect for themselves, one another, and the world around them. Our approach reflects the following core values:

- **Human Dignity (Every Child is Special).** We teach our children that every person is uniquely made and loved by God. A shared school uniform removes pressure to wear expensive or fashionable brands, ensuring every child is valued for who they are on the inside rather than what they wear.
- **Solidarity and the Common Good (Belonging to God's Family).** Wearing our uniform gives children a strong sense of pride, unity, and belonging to our school community. Standing together in the same uniform reminds us that we are all part of one school family, working and learning happily side by side.
- **Preferential Option for the Poor (Fairness for All Families).** Following Jesus's example of caring for those in need, we are committed to keeping our uniform affordable and practical. We keep branded logo items to a minimum and offer quality pre-loved uniform items so that no family feels financial strain.
- **Care for Creation (Looking After Our Common Home).** We encourage our children and families to be good stewards of God's world by reusing and recycling uniform. Passing on outgrown jumpers, cardigans, and PE kits through our pre-loved uniform scheme reduces waste and helps us care for the planet.
- **Dignity of Work and Participation (Working Together).** Where branded items are required, we aim to partner with ethical suppliers who treat their workers fairly. We also value the voices of our pupils and parents, listening to your feedback so our uniform stays comfortable, inclusive, and suitable for active primary school days.

Our official school provider for uniform items that have our school logo is
Smarty's, Hatfield.

Each month there is a Nearly New Uniform sale on the school playground. All items are less than £1.

School is able to support any family that is struggling to provide school uniform. Please

contact the school office.

Your child's teacher will let you know when it's a PE or Forest School day. On those days, children come to school in their PE kits. On the other days children wear their "formal uniform."

2 Aims and objectives

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 and carers;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are a wristwatch and ear-ring studs in recently pierced ears.

4. Long Hair

If hair is long enough, it must be tied back, whether for boys or girls. Ribbons, headbands scrunchies etc. should ideally be of school colours.

5 Footwear

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. We only allow children to wear black footwear to school on "formal uniform days". No other colour is permitted as it is not in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform.

6 The role of parents and carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents and carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent or carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents or carers want their child to wear items that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests.

7 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 helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review
The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents and carers, 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.

<u>Year 1-Year 6</u>

All children : Maroon school book bag with school logo
Old shirt/ painting overall for crafts, art
Wellington Boots

Choice 1: Worn when no PE or Forest School (2 days per week)
Black shoes / Plain black trainers (no logos or white soles)
Grey/ Black socks
Grey trousers / shorts
White shirt
School tie (Velcro back or regular)
Maroon V neck jumper or cardigan with school logo
Maroon waterproof / fleece jacket (optional)

Choice 2 Worn when no PE or Forest School (2 days per week)
Black shoes
Grey / white socks or Grey tights
Grey pinafore or Grey skirt

White shirt
School tie (Velcro back or regular)
Maroon V necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
Maroon waterproof / fleece jacket with school logo(optional)

Choice 3 (summer only) Worn when no PE or Forest School (2 days per week)
Pink checked gingham dress
White socks
Black shoes (no open toed sandals)
Maroon V necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
Maroon waterproof / fleece jacket with school logo(optional)

PE : This kit is worn to school on PE days and Forest School Days (Usually 3 days per week)

Trainers
Maroon shorts or skort
Gold polo shirt with school logo
Maroon jogging bottoms for cold weather
Maroon hoodie with school logo (optional)
Maroon sweatshirt (optional)

Foundation Stage School Uniform – Nursery and Reception Classes

All children

Wellington boots
Waterproof jacket (maroon school jacket with logo is optional)
Maroon book bag (available from the office)

Choice 1 Worn when no PE or Forest School (2 days per week)
Maroon jogging bottoms
Maroon sweatshirt with school logo
Gold polo shirt with school logo
Black shoes

Choice 2 Worn when no PE or Forest School (2 days per week)
Grey skirt / pinafore / trousers/shorts
Maroon jumper / cardigan with school logo
Gold polo shirt with school logo

Black shoes

Choice 3 (Summer only) Worn when no PE or Forest School (2 days per week)
Pink check gingham dress
White socks
Maroon jumper / cardigan with school logo
Black shoes (no open toed sandals)

PE Kit Worn on PE or Forest School days

Trainers (velcro)
Maroon shorts
White T shirt
Maroon jogging bottoms (cold weather)
Maroon hoodie with school logo (optional)
Maroon sweatshirt (optional)

Everything must be labelled with your child's name please.