



**St Gregory's
Catholic Primary School**

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Uniform Policy

September 2023

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school and it enhances security. It reflects the needs of the cultural traditions represented at our school.

At Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School, we believe that a school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- 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
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Our Uniform Policy is non-negotiable and we expect the full support of parents in helping us ensure every child at Saint Gregory's is smart and proud to be a part of our school family. When children are on visits and representing our school – we always receive compliments on how smart and proud our children are – long may this continue!

‘The Gregory way is being smart for school each day!’

All children must wear school uniform. The jumper, cardigan, tie and polo shirt, PE T-shirt must be personalised for Saint Gregory's. Some of these items may be available to buy from the school office (at the present time) but we are looking to move all school uniform out to one of the uniform shops in Coventry from September. Our current uniform supplier is:

Cat Ballou Original Limited
1-3 The Burges
Coventry
CV1 1HN
www.catballou.co.uk

Skirts, trousers, and other items can be bought at any reputable shop.

School Uniform

Summer	Winter
<p>Named blue-checked gingham dress or</p> <p>Named sky blue school polo shirt* with school logo and grey skirt</p> <p>Named navy blue jumper with logo*</p> <p>Black shoes (no boots)</p> <p>White socks</p> <p>Named sky blue school polo shirt*</p> <p>Named grey shorts or trousers</p> <p>Named navy blue cardigan/jumper with logo*</p> <p>Named Black shoes</p> <p>(no trainers or shoes with a sports logo) (no boots)</p> <p>Grey socks</p>	<p>Named sky blue plain shirt and tie*</p> <p>Named navy blue jumper with logo*</p> <p>Grey socks, grey trousers (long or short)</p> <p>Named Black shoes (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo) (no boots)</p> <p>Named sky blue plain shirt and tie*</p> <p>Named navy blue cardigan/jumper with logo*</p> <p>Named grey skirt, pinafore or trousers</p> <p>White socks, grey tights, Black shoes (no boots)</p>
<p>Optional items available to purchase from school:</p> <p>Fleece Jacket/Parker Coat/Book Bag/Sun Hat/Knitted Hats/PE Bag*</p>	

P.E. Kit

Indoor	Outdoor
<p>Named plain navy shorts (no logo)</p> <p>Named sky blue t-shirt with logo*</p> <p>Black pumps</p> <p>Named PE bag with name on.</p>	<p>Named plain black or navy jogging bottoms</p> <p>Named black or navy jogging top or hoodie</p> <p>Named Trainers</p>

Action to be taken if a child does not have a PE kit:

1. **Teachers** will let parents know if a child does not have the correct PE kit and send a letter home.
2. After three occasions the **Leader of Learning** will phone or meet with the parents to enquire why they are not ensuring that their child has the correct kit.

It is a National Curriculum statutory requirement and our school expectation that all children receive their entitlement and take part in all PE lessons.

Footwear

No trainers are allowed as indoor shoes, or sport branded shoes and we ask that you **fully** support us in this aspect of the uniform.

School shoes should be worn and we ask that they are without a sport logo. Also any form of boot is not permitted, unless medically required.



Named Clothing and Belongings

Please ensure your child's clothing and belonging (including hats scarves and lunch bags!) are labelled. Stickers or labels can be added or fabric pens used to label items. It makes it easier for us as a school to return any lost items. Unfortunately, we do not keep lost property in the school office so it is essential that all items are named please.



Polish - Upewnij się elementy wszystkich dzieci odzieży są oznaczone imieniem dziecka i klasy.

French - Veuillez vous assurer que les articles de tous les enfants de vêtements sont étiquetés avec le nom et la classe de l'enfant.

Hair

Hair should be tidy and neat, suitable for school. We request that children do not have **extreme fashionable hair, shaved**, especially tram lines or **chemically coloured or extended** hair.

Long hair should be tied back so that it is tidy.

- Girls and Boys hair below shoulder length to be tied back.
- Hair bobbles and clips should be small and in the school colours – grey, gold or blue. No Jo Jo Bows.
- Large hair accessories are not allowed for health and safety reasons



No beads please!
Hair bands are far safer!



Please no tram lines
Save until the Summer holidays so they
can grow out ready for September



No coloured hair/ extensions please!
Unnatural colours and extensive
highlighting are not allowed.

Jewelry and Make-Up

- Children **are** permitted to wear a small watch around their wrist.
- Children **are not** permitted to wear nail varnish on fingers or toes while they are at school. If a child comes to school wearing nail varnish, they will be issued with a warning letter. If on the following day the child returns and is still wearing nail varnish, then they will be sent to Mrs Sweatman to remove it.
- Children **are not** permitted to wear make-up at school, provision will be made to remove it.
- Children **are not** permitted to wear plastic bracelets.

The Academy Committee agreed that we will continue to ask children to remove all pieces of jewellery before PE including earrings. We ask that children take out their earrings before school on PE days or that children independently remove earrings before a lesson.

Staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Any earrings worn should be plain gold studs. Risk assessments are in place for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Please note that Local Authority advice is that a plaster covering an earring is not sufficient in eliminating risk. The majority of Coventry schools follow this advice in their policy.

- Earrings must be removed before PE by the child or in the morning by the parent (for health and safety reasons staff cannot remove).
 - As staff are not permitted to remove or replace earrings under the Health & Safety Regulations, it is essential that all children wearing stud earrings are able to take them out and replace them themselves in time for the PE Lesson. The responsibility for the safe-keeping of jewellery rests with the owner i.e. the child.
 - Please note if earrings can't be removed as they are newly pierced, children will exclude themselves from PE for the duration. We appreciate with First Holy Communion and Confirmation and therefore we encourage parents to get piercings done at the beginning of the summer holidays the year before so that earrings are able to be removed on return in September.
- Please make sure that earrings are **PLAIN** gold studs.
- **No** other jewellery **must** be worn in school, including bracelets (including charity ones), rings, with the exception of a watch.

Top Tip - to avoid a period of time from PE we encourage ear piercing at the beginning of the Summer holidays. For Holy Communion we advise piercing ears in July of Year 2.

