



### **POLICY STATEMENT**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event (not including sport) outside normal school hours. This is for Health & Safety reasons facilitating easier identification of our pupils when with the general public.

We provide a complete list of the school uniform in the School Prospectus.

### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Engenders a strong 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 & Safety in mind.
- Has a strong identity with the Parish of Holy Name.

### **JEWELLERY**

On Health & Safety grounds children are **NOT** permitted to wear jewellery in our school. This includes necklaces and rings. The exception to this is only stud earrings which may be worn, and **MUST** be covered with tape for P.E lessons, if not taken out. Children must do this for themselves. Watches may be worn, but at the owner's risk. School cannot be held responsible for damage.

### **ECCENTRIC HAIRSTYLES**

Children are not permitted to have "shaved-in" designs or hair cuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Braided hair should be tied back as a Health & Safety precaution for the safety of others.

### **FOOTWEAR**

The school Prospectus states that **BLACK** shoes (and **NOT** trainers) are this school's correct uniform.

This school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so this is **NOT** allowed. Trainers are **NOT** allowed as this type of footwear is inappropriate for sport or leisurewear. It is also deemed to be unhealthy for children to wear trainers all day. It is also felt that this is not in keeping with the smart appearance of the school uniform. Permission is given for extreme circumstances e.g. new shoes rubbing, outgrown shoes, parents unable to purchase new shoes. Parents should inform school if a child cannot wear black shoes, stating the reason. School will be sympathetic to their needs.

### **THE ROLE OF PARENTS**

We ask **ALL** parents who send their child/children to Holy Name to support the school's uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their child/children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

Parents are advised on applying to Liverpool City Council if in receipt of benefit, for support for free school uniform.

If any parent would like the school to modify the school uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the EHT / HoS. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests.



Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the EHT / HoS. This school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

### **THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS**

The Governing Body of Holy Name supports the EHT / HoS in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the EHT / HoS to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

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

### **CHILD PROTECTION / PUPILS AT RISK**

**All Staff are asked to be constantly alert for any signs of abuse to pupils.**

**If suspicions are aroused by signs of injuries of any kind, neglect, undue emotional disturbance or unusual behaviour, please refer the matter to the EHT immediately, who will then inform the School's Child Protection Officer. A DELAY IN RESPONDING COULD BE COSTLY**

**Mr Neil Morris is the school's Child Protection Officer. Staff will receive Training in Child Protection each year.**

### **MONITORING and REVIEW**

When monitoring this policy the Governors will:

- Seek the views of parents to be sure that they agree with the policy and support it.
- Consider with the EHT / HoS any requests from parents for individual pupils to have special dispensations.
- Require the EHT / HoS to report to the Governors on the implementation of the policy.