



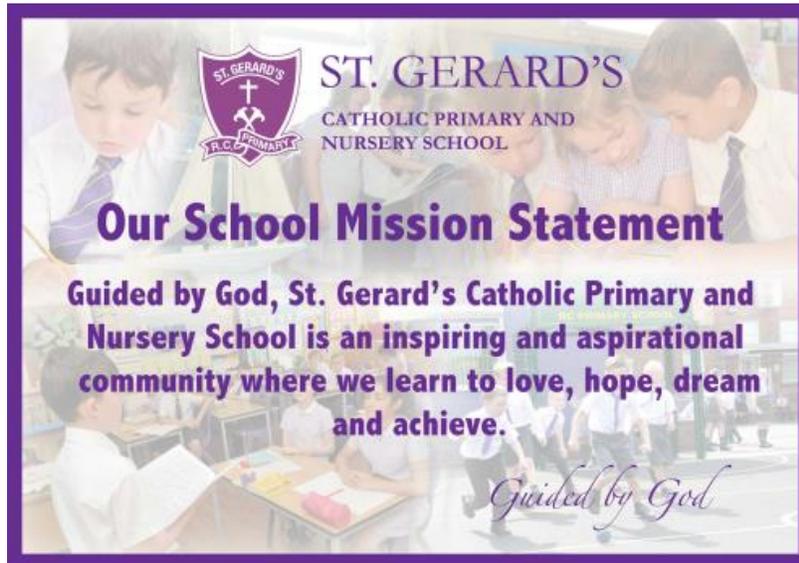
St Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

"Guided by God, St Gerard's Catholic Primary and Nursery School is an inspiring and aspirational community where we learn to love, hope, dream and achieve."



Uniform Policy

Agreed by Governors November 2016
Signed (Chair of Governors) Ms Sharon Miller



SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT



“St Gerard’s Catholic Primary and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment”.

School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 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 in our Parents' Handbook. School uniform is optional for children in the Nursery although we do encourage our children in Nursery to wear the uniform if they wish to as it encourages them to feel part of the mainstream school environment.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 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 and equal to the opposite sex in terms of appearance;
- ◆ is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- ◆ is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. This includes rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces etc... The exception to this rule is for watches.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This also includes hair styles such as beaded style hair braids as these can be a potential health and safety issue. However this may be acceptable if for cultural reasons. All children regardless of gender with long hair are encouraged to tie their hair back due to health and safety. It is at the discretion of the Headteacher how these matters are addressed.

5 Footwear

5.1 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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

6 The role of parents

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

6.2 If any parent 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 want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform

Our school colours are purple and white

Boys Grey Trousers
 White shirt and School tie (Purple and White)
 (Tie can be purchased from School or from Boydell's Uniform Shop.)
 Purple V Neck Sweatshirt with white school badge
 Black Shoes (not trainers)

Girls Grey Skirt
 White shirt and School tie (Purple and White)
 (Tie can be purchased from School or from Boydell's Uniform Shop.)
 Purple V Neck Sweatshirt/Cardigan with school badge
 Black Shoes (not trainers)
 White or grey socks or appropriate tights

In the summer boys may wear grey shorts and white polo shirt. Girls may wear lilac gingham dresses (and purple cardigan if desired.) The purple sweatshirt and cardigan with the school badge should be worn throughout the year.

Girls may wear grey trousers in the winter months if they wish to do so.

We ask parents for full support for the correct school wear. The child in uniform identifies with their school and friends.

Their attitude and neat dress is reflected in good school work.

Nursery Children are also invited to wear the School uniform and we encourage our children to wear it, although it is optional in Nursery.

P.E.

We would ask parents to purchase the School PE Kit from our school uniform suppliers.

Children accessing our Swimming Programme must have appropriate swimwear.

It is important for health reasons for children to change for P.E. They need to change after the session. The same applies following after-school activities. The children must walk home in their uniform. This is for Health & Safety reasons in addition for identification with their school. Correct footwear is necessary for Health & Safety reasons.

Indoor Games : **Pumps**
Outdoor Games : **Trainers or Pumps**
Indoor Gymnastics : **Bare feet**

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by: seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy; considering, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform; requiring the Head Teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.