Holy Ghost Catholic Primary School



School Uniform Policy

2026-2027

Policy details	
Policy review	September 2026
Next review date	July 2027

1. Purpose and scope

It is the policy of Holy Ghost Catholic Primary School that pupils wear the agreed school uniform when attending school and, where required, when taking part in school-organised events, trips or activities outside normal school hours.

The school aims to maintain a smart, practical and consistent uniform while keeping costs reasonable for families. In particular, compulsory branded items are limited so that families can purchase most uniform items from a wider range of retailers.

2. Aims and objectives

Our school uniform is intended to:

- promote a sense of pride in the school;
- support a sense of community and belonging;
- be practical, smart, hardwearing and safe;
- identify pupils with the school;
- reduce distraction caused by fashion clothing;
- help pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- provide suitable school wear and good value for money; and
- support pupils' health and safety.

3. Affordability and branded items

The school recognises the importance of balancing a strong and consistent school identity with affordability. The required branded items are limited to:

- **KS1 school book bag OR KS2 school rucksack;**
- **school coat**
- **blue branded PE sweatshirt**

Any other items of school uniform will not need to carry the school logo. This means that families will have the flexibility to purchase these items from a wider range of retailers, giving greater choice and helping to keep the overall cost of school uniform as affordable as possible.

We will continue to recommend our supplier, **Schooluniform247**, who offer our uniform at very competitive prices. However, we fully understand that families may wish to shop elsewhere.

We would, however, appreciate your continued support in ensuring that all uniform items reflect our school colours of **navy and purple**. Although some items will not need to be branded with the school logo, it is important that they remain in keeping with our school colours to maintain a consistent and smart standard of presentation.

In particular, we ask that:

- Woolly hats and tracksuit bottoms are plain navy (and unbranded).
- Summer caps are purple.
- Summer dresses continue to be purple gingham.

The PTA arranges second-hand uniform sales. Families are encouraged to use second-hand uniform where appropriate, helping to reduce both cost and waste.

4. School uniform requirements

Autumn and Spring terms

Boys	Girls
White long-sleeved shirt	White long-sleeved shirt
Grey trousers	Grey pinafore (Reception & KS1) or grey skirt (KS2)
Purple jumper	Purple cardigan
School tie	School tie
Grey socks	Grey socks or tights
Black shoes – not black branded trainers	Black shoes – not black branded trainers or boots

Summer term

Boys	Girls
White short-sleeved shirt	Purple checked summer dress
Grey shorts or trousers	Purple cardigan
Purple jumper	White socks
School tie	Black shoes – not black branded trainers or boots
Grey socks	
Black shoes – not black branded trainers	

Bags, coats and optional items

- School coat (required branded item).
- KS1 school book bag or KS2 school rucksack (required branded item, as applicable).
- Uniform cap in purple.
- Navy fleece (optional).

5. PE uniform

KS1 - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

The school is gradually changing the KS1 PE kit from purple to blue so that it aligns with the KS2 PE kit. The transition arrangements are:

- **Up to September 2027:** the existing purple PE uniform may continue to be worn and will remain available to purchase online and through second-hand uniform sales.
- **September 2027 to July 2028**: pupils may continue to wear the purple PE kit. When buying new or replacement PE uniform, families will be encouraged to purchase the blue PE kit rather than purple.
- **From September 2028**: all KS1 pupils are expected to wear the blue PE kit and purple PE uniform will no longer form part of the school uniform.

The transition is intended to allow families to replace items naturally as children grow out of them, rather than requiring unnecessary replacement purchases.

PE items

- Sports purple T-shirt.
- Cotton Shorts; navy blue skorts are optional where applicable.
- Jogging bottoms (with no brands on them).
- Blue PE sweatshirt - this is a required branded item.
- Trainers (Reception pupils may wear Velcro trainers).

Please note that pupils should not wear leggings, skins, or compression tights underneath their shorts. If pupils do not wish to wear shorts on their own, they must wear tracksuit bottoms instead.

6. Jewellery and watches

For health and safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted, including wristbands. The exceptions are earring studs in pierced ears, where needed to prevent the piercing from healing over, and medical identification bracelets for pupils with significant medical needs. Watches may be worn. **Smart watches or Fitbit-type devices that connect to the internet or another device, or have a camera function, are not permitted.**

7. Hair, make-up, nails and tattoos

Hair should be tied back using plain purple or navy hairbands, clips or ribbons. Black or brown bobbles and clips matching the pupil's hair colour are also permitted.

Large flowers, coloured headbands or bows are not permitted. Beads should be neutral or school colours.

Hair dye, coloured hair extensions and shaved hair designs are not permitted.

Nail varnish, make-up and permanent or temporary tattoos are not permitted in school.

8. Footwear

Pupils must wear plain, flat black school shoes as part of the school uniform. Shoes should be smart, practical and appropriate for the school environment.

Increasingly parents are opting for a trainer type shoe. All shoes must be plain black with black soles. Branding, provided it is black, is acceptable. Boots that cover the ankle are not permitted, even if they are completely black. Footwear with prominent logos, coloured markings or sports branding is also not acceptable.

Parents and carers are encouraged to check that footwear meets these requirements before purchasing new school shoes.

Please see appendix 1 for reference of appropriate shoes.

9. Responsibilities

Governors

The governing body supports the Head of School in implementing this policy, considers representations from parents and carers, and works with school leaders to ensure the policy is implemented fairly and sensitively. Governors will have regard to whether the uniform is sensible, safe, practical, hardwearing and affordable.

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform, except on specified non-uniform days, while:

- on the school premises;
- travelling to and from school; and
- attending school-organised trips, events or activities, or representing the school where uniform is required.

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit and that items are:

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

Staff

Staff will monitor uniform consistently and sensitively. Pupils and families who are not meeting the policy will be given an opportunity to comply. Where concerns continue, staff may speak with the pupil and family, send written communication home and, for ongoing concerns, arrange a meeting with parents or carers.

Where financial hardship may be contributing to non-compliance, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach and work with the family to seek a practical solution.

10. Purchasing uniform

Families may purchase non-branded uniform from any retailer, provided that the items meet this policy's colour and style requirements. The school will continue to recommend its uniform supplier for families who wish to use it. Details of purchasing arrangements and second-hand uniform sales will be communicated to families through the school website and on WeDuc.

11. Monitoring and review

The school will keep this policy under review, including the affordability of uniform, the number of required branded items and the operation of the KS1 PE-kit transition. The policy may be reviewed earlier where statutory requirements or school arrangements change.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name.

Appendix 1

Appropriate types of school shoes









