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Holy Trinity Catholic Voluntary Academy

Mission Statement



“In every child there is a space only God can fill”

St Thomas Aquinas

At our school we continually strive to develop the full potential of the school community in an environment permeated by the Catholic Faith and promoting Gospel values.

At the heart of our mission is the family, school and parish, each supporting and working in mutual co-operation for the benefit of the children.

We are seeking to enrich the lives entrusted to our care through a broad and balanced curriculum designed to meet the needs of each pupil.

The school provides opportunities for young children to develop spiritually, morally, intellectually, physically and emotionally, and share their qualities, abilities and ambitions thus fulfilling individual potential.

As a worshipping community we respect all people and create a loving, caring atmosphere which overflows into an ethos of warmth and welcome towards parents/carers, parish and the local community

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event inside or outside of normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and information for new starters' document.

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/carers.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, only ear- ring studs and watches are allowed to be worn in school. We ask the children to remove these during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury. On swimming lesson days, we ask that the children do not come to school with any jewellery on, so they are not mislaid. New piercings are recommended to take place over the 6 week holidays. Any children who have their ears pierced in term time may have their ears covered with surgical tape following permission from parents/carers. As Appendix 1

Hairstyles, Extreme Haircuts and Non-Uniform Days

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children – such haircuts include patterns shaved into hair or hair which has been dyed outside of the child's natural hair colour. No dip dyed hair or bright coloured hair dye or extensions are allowed. We expect all children with shoulder length hair or longer, to have it tied up for PE, games and swimming lessons, as a safety precaution.

We also request that all hair bands and bobbles etc are in school colours and are discrete: red, blue, grey, white and black are all acceptable colours.

Periodically we hold non-uniform days in school where children are permitted to wear their own clothes to school. On such days, pupils are not allowed to wear any item of clothing which contains prejudice related logos or imagery. Non uniform choices should be age appropriate and suitable to wear for a school day.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list, as it keeps with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We ask that shoes have a sensible heel height, as children will be wearing these at playtimes. Children are only permitted to wear trainers in school for their games lessons, which should be brought with their games kit and changed after the lesson has finished. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list. Boots should only be worn in the winter for arrival and departure to school and should not be worn in class. Trainers should only be worn as part of PE lessons.

The role of parents/carers

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

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

The role of governors.

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. They consider all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and liaise with the head teacher 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.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through:

- Seeking the views of parents/carers, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy.
- Considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents/carers 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.

This policy is reviewed by the Governors every two years.

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School Uniform List

Red Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo

School Tie

White Shirt

Grey Trousers/Shorts/Skirt/Pinafore

Grey/black/white socks

Grey/Red tights

Black Shoes

(Red gingham checked dress in the summer months)

PE Kits:

The children are also expected to have the full PE kit available on the appropriate days. This comprises of:

White T-Shirt

Red/Black Shorts

Trainers/Plimsolls

Holy Trinity hoodie

(In the winter months the children may also wear plain tracksuits for outdoor activities)

General Information:

Children are able to wear a watch to school if they wish. Long hair should be tied back, especially for sports.



Dear Parents/Carers

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING
WEARING JEWELLERY DURING PE LESSONS**

Wearing of earrings and any other form of jewellery during PE lessons poses a significant health and safety issue, and as a school we insist that children remove their earrings/watches for the duration of the PE session.

We advise all parents/carers, should they wish their child to have their ears pierced, to organise this at the beginning of the summer holidays so that ears have sufficient time to heal over the summer holiday period, and the earrings can then be removed in time for the beginning of the next school year's PE sessions.

We do not ordinarily allow children to cover earrings with tape as this is not only disruptive to the PE lesson, but the tape itself does not provide sufficient protection in the event of an accident occurring.

Should your child have had their ears pierced prior to the summer holidays, and to avoid your child being excluded from PE lessons, we require your permission for them to have their ears covered with tape in order for them to participate.

Please read the following information carefully and complete and return to school.

Kind regards

Julia Summers
Head Teacher

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY
PERMISSION TO COVER MY CHILD'S EARRINGS WITH LATEX FREE AND HYPOALLERGENIC TAPE
FOR PE LESSONS**

- I give permission for my child to cover their newly pierced ears with microporous tape (latex free and hypoallergenic) in order for them to take part in PE lessons for the duration of the healing time only
- I understand that my child will carry this out themselves and the teacher / staff member will check that this is done correctly
- My child understands that should this become loose during the lesson or fall off, that they will inform the teacher / staff member immediately, and replace it
- I understand that should my child suffer an injury during the PE lesson, that the tape may not be sufficient to protect my child's ear from injury; and I accept full responsibility for this decision
- My child is not allergic to sticking plasters or microporous tape

Signed: _____ Parent of: _____

Date by which earrings can be removed: _____

