

# **ST. GODRIC'S R.C.V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL, THORNLEY**

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY STATEMENT**

St. Godric's is a welcoming Christian community providing a distinctive Catholic environment. Working in partnership with parents, parish and community, all are valued for who they are. We believe that everyone is unique, gifted and loved by God. Through affirmation and challenge, all members of our school community are nurtured and encouraged to grow and develop their full potential and self worth.

### **Introduction**

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It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

### **Aims and Objectives**

Our policy for 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;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **School Uniform Providers**

In accordance with the preceding principles, school uniform items containing the school logo can only be purchased from the school's nominated provider & can be ordered through the school office.

### **School Uniform**

St. Godric's uniform is as follows:

**All children:**

Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan

White shirt/blouse or white polo shirt

Black school shoes with flat heels

**Boys**

Grey shorts or long trousers

**Girls**

Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers

Summer – red and white check or striped dress

**PE Kit**

Black shorts

White t-shirt (available with logo from school office)

Black plimsolls (or trainers if outdoor PE)

**Jewellery**

The wearing of jewellery other than a watch is not allowed as it can be dangerous both to the wearer and others. Parents are expected to wait until the beginning of the summer holidays before getting children's ears pierced, so that earrings can be removed by the time the children return to school in September.

**Hair**

All children are requested to have their hair tied back if it is long enough to do so. No shaved patterns in heads are permitted. This is both for smartness and health & safety reasons.

**The role of parents/carers**

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean, in good repair and named.

**The role of the head teacher**

The head teacher:

- Is responsible for ensuring compliance with this uniform policy;
- May grant special dispensation on the basis of a temporary medical need; and
- Will refer all other requests for special dispensation to the governing body.

### **The role of the governing body**

The governing body is responsible for deciding the requirements for school uniform and other rules relating to appearance. This follows from the duties placed upon the governing body by statute to conduct the school, and to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupil body.

In addition, the governing body have been mindful of their obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010, and this policy is an integral part of the school's commitment to equality and inclusion. The governing body believes this uniform policy allows all pupils to establish a shared St. Godric's identity, and celebrate what they have in common, whilst respecting diversity.

The head teacher will consider all requests for dispensation from this policy in the case of a medical need. The governing body will consider all requests for special dispensation for any other reason, and parents should make a written request to the Head teacher who will refer the matter to the governing body for decision at its next full meeting. The correct school uniform must be worn until such dispensation is given.

### **Policy Review**

The Governors and staff recognise the need to keep this policy and the implementation procedures under review in order to maintain and where necessary improve the present practices.

This policy will be reviewed in 2019.

This policy was approved by the Governing Body in.....

Signature.....

On behalf of the Governing Body.

Date.....