# St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School Hoddesdon



# **Uniform Policy**

# **April 2025**



Renewal: April 2026

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

### We come to school to live and learn happily together by loving ourselves and each other as Jesus teaches us.

Our Vision:

We aim to provide our children with an education that prepares them for the responsibilities and opportunities that arise throughout life.

Our active partnership between Home, Parish and the wider community continues to grow with each playing a role in the continual development of our School.

We strive to provide a curriculum that reflects on learning and teaching practice to create a stimulating educational environment that caters for individual needs.

We aim for every person that comes into our school to be touched by our compassionate ethos where the gospel values are seen to be at work.

#### Introduction

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 this policy.

We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty of care to send their children to school correctly dressed in school uniform that it is clean and in good repair, ready for their daily schoolwork.

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

- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- reduces 'fashion competition' between children
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school

#### General Information on St Augustine's School Uniform

Unusual or trendy/fashion related hairstyles including coloured extensions, hair pieces etc. are not acceptable, neither is gelled hair. Hair that is below the collar must be tied back at all times, with a plain navy or black hair band for both boys and girls. Boys should have a standard school haircut, not fashion related haircuts.

In Reception Class and Year 1 Velcro shoes are strongly recommended. From Year 2 onwards, children can wear shoes with buckles and laces if they are able to buckle or tie them up themselves.

Shoes must be completely flat and plain black, with no hidden toys, coloured tabs or illuminations and cut below the ankle. Leather ankle boots are not permitted.

No trainers or trainer style shoes are allowed, unless for documented medical reasons.

Children who have misplaced their school shoes or whose school shoes are too small or broken and require a new pair to be bought, will be allowed to wear black plimsolls in order to find or purchase new school shoes. This particularly includes the final weeks towards the end of the summer term. If new school shoes are not bought due to there only being one week of the school term left, then black plimsolls should be purchased as an acceptable alternative. <u>Trainers are not allowed to be worn in replacement for school shoes under any circumstances.</u>

In order to avoid confusion and to keep Lost Property to a minimum, all items of clothing, P.E. kit, bags etc. must be clearly labelled with the child's full name. Watches can be worn at the pupil's own risk. The school is not liable for any loss or damage of any personal property brought into the school. In accordance to Hertfordshire E-Safety guidelines, the wearing of Apple iWatches, Smart watches, Fitbits or any other watch with the capacity to hold computing information is not permitted. Analogue or simple digital watches are allowed in school.

The wearing of small, **gold** plain studs (2mm-4mm) in pierced ears is permitted (no coloured, large, decorative studs, hooped or dangly earrings); these will have to be removed or taped for PE, games and swimming. Please note staff are not permitted to remove earrings for children. Jewellery, e.g. neck chains, pendants, bracelets and brooches are not allowed in school on health & safety grounds. This also includes large hair ornaments and clips.

Any child attending school not complying with our policy (including PE kit) will be issued with a letter to the parent advising what part of the uniform is incorrect, and provide details of the correct uniform (see Appendix 1).

In cases where a child continuously wears the incorrect uniform the parent will be contacted to meet with the Key Stage Leader for that year group in the first instance.

St. Augustine's is not responsible for the quality of items sold or the service provided by Kids Connection. All complaints should be addressed to the managers of the school uniform suppliers.

Nearly new uniforms are donated by parents and are available to purchase for a small donation via a parent volunteer. Please contact the School Office for further information.

If any part of the School Uniform has not arrived in time for the start of the school day, Parents/Carers should contact the parent volunteer running the Nearly New Uniform.

#### ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

#### WINTER UNIFORM September to Easter Break (Depending on weather) BOYS GIRLS • Plain black/ navy coat Plain black/navy coat White blouse White shirt • Grey long trousers without turn-ups • Knee length grey, flared/pleated skirt (not straight) or pinafore dress • Grey V-neck jumper • Grey socks • Grey formal, tailored trousers (Not jersey fabric) • Completely flat, plain, black shoes or black plimsolls, cut below the ankle with Navy blue cardigan no hidden toys, coloured tabs or • White, grey, or navy tights illuminations • Completely flat, plain, black shoes or black No trainers or trainer style shoes plimsolls, cut below the ankle with no hidden School tie (from uniform provider) toys, coloured tabs or illuminations • No trainers or trainer style shoes. Black/navy woollen hats Black/navy plain hairband • School tie (from uniform provider) Black/navy woollen hats • Black/Navy plain hair band Navy/grey socks only

#### SUMMER UNIFORM Easter Break to end of Summer Term (Depending on weather)

| BOYS   | GIRLS  |
|--|--|
| <ul> <li>White polo shirt</li> <li>Grey trousers or shorts</li> <li>Navy blue or black closed-in sandal or completely flat, plain black shoes or black plimsolls, cut below the ankle with no hidden toys, coloured tabs or illuminations</li> <li>No trainers or trainer style shoes</li> <li>Summer cap (navy blue)</li> <li>Black/navy plain hair band</li> <li>Grey socks</li> <li>Or continue to wear the winter uniform</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>School Blue Gingham summer dress</li> <li>Navy blue cardigan</li> <li>Navy blue or black closed-in sandal or<br/>completely flat, plain black shoes or black<br/>plimsolls, cut below the ankle with no hidden<br/>toys, coloured tabs or illuminations</li> <li>No trainers or trainer style shoes</li> <li>Summer cap (navy blue)</li> <li>Black/navy plain hair band</li> <li>Plain short white socks only</li> <li>Grey culotte/skort with polo shirt, short white<br/>socks</li> <li>Or<br/>continue to wear the winter uniform</li> </ul> |

- Optional navy blue blazer with School logo badge may be worn throughout the academic year
- Optional navy school rucksacks with logo are also available
- Optional navy school coats with logo are also available

| PE - Boys and Girls<br>PE Lessons and extra-curricular clubs (clarification given) |  |  |
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|  |  |  |
| •  | navy blue school shorts – <b>Not leggings or lycra shorts</b>                    |  |
| •  | Navy blue tracksuit with school logo – Not leggings or lycra trousers            |  |
| •  | Plain white or black trainers/plimsolls- labelled (no colours or stripes)        |  |
|  | nildren will come to school wearing their PE kits on their allocated days please |  |
| -  | check this information on the website.<br>wimming (pool specification)           |  |
| Swim   |  |  |
| <ul><li>One-pièce swim si</li><li>A swimming cap m</li></ul>                       | Trunks (not shorts) for boys   |  |
|  | One-piece swim suit for girls  |  |
|  | A swimming cap must be worn by both girls and boys                               |  |
| •  | A towel  |  |
|  | Goggles (optional)   |  |
|  | NURSERY UNIFORM – Boys and Girls   |  |
| •  | Yellow sweatshirts (with optional school logo)                                   |  |
| •  | Navy blue tracksuit bottoms (with <b>optional</b> school logo)                   |  |
| •  | White polo shirts (with <b>optional</b> school logo)                             |  |
| •  | Navy shorts for Summer ( <b>Not leggings or lycra</b> )                          |  |
| •  | Black or navy coat   |  |
|  | Black or Velcro shoes or Velcro trainers   |  |

In order to avoid confusion and to keep Lost Property to a minimum,

- All items of clothing, P.E. kit, bags etc. MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name before being brought into the school.
- All uniform with school logo is available to purchase from Kids Connection







### Saint Augustine's Catholic Primary School Headteacher: Mrs J Walsh

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Dear

It has come to my attention that your child's uniform does not comply with our agreed school uniform policy due to (insert incorrect uniform or hairstyle being worn).

When you selected St. Augustine's school for your children, it is with the understanding that you accepted our school uniform policy. A copy can be found under the policy tab on the school website <u>www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk</u>.

Could you please ensure that (name) as soon as possible.

has their full uniform for school

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Walsh Executive Headteacher

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