

Bury Catholic Preparatory School

Mission statement

Each child in this school family is as important to us as they are to God.

Aim

We aim to educate all our children in a secure and loving environment, working together to ensure that we provide the positive experiences of success that gives confidence and motivation for future learning.

School uniform

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform with our prospectus; additional copies are available from the school office.

Inclusion

At Bury Catholic Preparatory School we recognise that all our children have the entitlement to be included in all aspects of school life. In order to ensure that our children are valued as individuals and able to benefit from the opportunities on offer, we:

- adapt activities to take account of learning styles;
- plan carefully to include a variety of teaching approaches and setting of additional targets;
- assess the language used;
- communicate with other members of staff and parents;
- develop cross-curricular links;
- allow time for reflection and role play and
- thoroughly evaluate and monitor.

Purpose

Our school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school uniform;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- makes all children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents.

Guidelines

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, we **do not** allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and watches. Watches should be removed before physical activities and are the responsibility of the child.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or flip-flops in school, so we do not allow this. We do not allow children to wear trainers except for sporting activities. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

Parent partnership

We ask all parents who send their children to this 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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parents 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 faiths. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear different clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then the parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher.

Parents are given an opportunity to express their views on the school uniform in the annual Parental Questionnaire.

Governors

The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Conclusion

The school will continue to seek the views of parents, consider any requests from parents for individual children and require the head teacher to report to the governing body on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

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