

St Therese of Lisieux Primary School



School Uniform Policy

Mission Statement

As a thriving Catholic school, rooted in Christ's ministry and message, we offer a child-centred, ambitious, inclusive and holistic education; we work in partnership, in a nurturing and supportive atmosphere, building a flourishing and diverse community of care, love and aspiration.

Nurture Support Grow

Introduction

St Thérèse of Lisieux Primary School promotes a strong sense of identity, belonging and pride through the wearing of our school uniform. In line with Department of Education guidance on school uniform policy, the Board of Governors is committed to ensuring that the uniform is affordable, inclusive, practical and sensitive to the needs of our pupils and families.

Rationale

Uniform fosters a shared identity and helps embed our Catholic ethos, supporting unity and belonging among pupils. Wearing a standard uniform reduces social pressures related to fashion and cost, contributing to equality within the school community. Brown is the main colour of our uniform in honour of St Therese of Lisieux. We are committed to keeping costs reasonable, with only one crested item in our requirements. Reasonable adjustments are made where required.

Consultation

This policy was drawn up after careful consideration of DE Guidance and The School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Bill. Parents were consulted as part of our School Development Plan consultation in May 2025. Pupils were consulted during 2025/26 through our Wellbeing Surveys. Staff and governors were also consulted in 2025/26.

In our parent survey 87% agreed/strongly agreed that our 'school uniform provides practical, comfortable and affordable options, with only one badged item required.' In our pupil survey 85% of pupils agreed that they like/are proud to wear their brown uniform. 96% of children agreed that they like to wear their PE uniform.

Availability

Our uniform is available from a range of local school uniform supplies including Truly Fare and The Sports Company. Many items may also be purchased from a range of online retailers including Asda School Uniform Shop. We have no contractual arrangements with suppliers of uniforms. However, for the convenience of our families, we do occasionally offer a 'Pop up Uniform Shop' in school, with one of our suppliers.

Role of Parents/Carers

Parents and carers play a crucial role in supporting the uniform policy. They are expected to ensure that pupils attend school in the correct, clean, well-fitting and clearly labelled uniform each day. The school values strong home–school communication and encourages parents to contact the school promptly if difficulties arise relating to our uniform. In line with DE guidance, the school will work sensitively with families to find appropriate solutions, including advising on eligibility for clothing grants. Parents are encouraged to reinforce the importance of wearing uniform as part of fostering pride, belonging and readiness to learn.

Support for Families

Financial assistance is available for school uniforms for some families through the Education Authority's Free School Meals/Uniform Grant. Further details are available online from the Education Authority (EA) at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/free-school-meals-uniform-grants> or from the school office. Parents who believe they may be eligible are encouraged to apply as early as possible each school year. The school will approach issues of financial hardship sensitively and discreetly. The school also keeps a small stock of preloved uniforms which are available on request to all families.

Trips or Sporting Events

Our sports teams are provided with kits when representing the school at sporting events. For class trips, sporting events and special occasions, staff will advise pupils on the most appropriate attire for the activity.

Jewellery/Make Up

For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn. Only stud earrings are permitted but must be removed for sports and swimming in accordance with our school Physical Education Policy. Pupils may wear a watch, but SMART watches are not allowed. Make up and body designs (tattoos) are not permitted. This includes false nails, nail varnish and eyelashes.

Uniform Requirements

Girls' Uniform	Boys' Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brown skirt, pinafore or trousers• Light blue shirt• Brown v-neck pullover or cardigan• Brown and blue striped tie• Brown or black outdoor shoes (no trainers or open-toed shoes)• Brown socks or tights• Summer dress (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brown Trousers/Shorts• Light blue shirt• Brown v-neck pullover• Brown and blue striped tie• Brown or black outdoor shoes (no trainers or open toed shoes)
PE Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light blue polo shirt• Plain navy tracksuit bottoms-no logos• Navy crested PE sweatshirt-available from Truly Fare• Dark trainers or black slip-on gym shoes	

Monitoring and Implementation

Staff will monitor adherence to uniform expectations throughout the school year. The school is committed to applying this policy fairly, reasonably and consistently, ensuring that uniform expectations support, rather than hinder, pupils' wellbeing, inclusion and participation in school life

Review of the Policy

The Board of Governors will review this policy every three years in line with current guidance and legislation, or sooner if deemed necessary

Appendix 1

Availability and prices - correct in Jan 2026

Uniform Prices St Therese of Lisieux Primary School			
	Price per single item (unless otherwise stated)		
Uniform Item	Sports Company	Truly Fare	Asda George
Jumper	£17.99 - £22.99	£7 (sale)	£7-£11 for 2
Skirt	£6.99 - £9.99	£9-£19	£8 for 2
Pinafore	£10.99	£6-£12	£12 for 2
Trousers	£14.99 - £19.99	£7 (sold out)	£8-£10 for 2
Shorts	£9.99 - £12.99		£4-£6 for 2
Cardigan	£18.99 - £23.99	£7 (sale)	£6 -£12 for 2
2 Pack Blue Blouses	£9.99		£4.50 for 2
2 Pack Blue Shirts	£9.99	£17.99	£4.50 for 2
Tie	£4.50	£4.50	-
Brown Tights	£9.99 - £10.99	£8	£7.00 for 3 (Black only)
Blue Polo Shirt	£6.99 - £7.99	£6.99	£3.00 for 2
PE Jumper	£13.99 - £16.99	£13.99	-
Navy Joggers	£10.99 - £11.99	£8.99	£5-£11 for 1

Total cost for a brown uniform and PE uniform ranges from £42.99-£54.99 excluding shoes, although if all items are purchased from specialist suppliers then costs will be higher.