



**Mount St Joseph**  
**Uniform Policy**

At Mount St Joseph, our school uniform is more than just clothing; it is a visible expression of our Catholic community, our shared values, and our sense of pride and belonging. Rooted in Gospel values, our uniform policy promotes dignity, respect, and equality, and supports our commitment to ensuring that every student feels valued and included.

By wearing the correct uniform, students show respect for themselves, for one another, and for the school community. A consistent and high-quality uniform helps to reduce social pressures, promotes equality of opportunity, and ensures that all students are treated fairly. It also sets an appropriate and purposeful tone for learning, enabling students to focus fully on their education.

We take great pride in the appearance and conduct of our students, both within school and when representing Mount St Joseph in the wider community. Wearing our uniform correctly reflects our high standards and inclusive ethos and helps to prepare young people for life beyond school, future education, and employment.

Students are expected to always maintain a high standard of personal appearance. This includes wearing the correct school uniform on school premises, when travelling to and from school, and during school-related activities where uniform is required.

We are grateful to our families for their continued support in upholding our standards and values.

### **Uniform Expectations, Behaviour, and Inclusion**

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that their child attends school wearing the correct uniform in accordance with the school's policy. At Mount St Joseph, we believe that maintaining a consistent standard of uniform supports a positive learning environment and fosters a sense of equality and belonging for all students.

PDT tutors will check uniform regularly, and all staff share responsibility for ensuring that pupils are dressed appropriately both in lessons and around the school site. Where uniform concerns arise, staff will address these in a fair, calm, and consistent manner, focusing on supporting students to meet expectations rather than simply issuing sanctions.

Students who do not wear the correct uniform, or who wear it incorrectly may be subject to sanctions in line with the schools behaviour policy. Persistent breaches will lead to communication with parents or carers to ensure concerns can be addressed collaboratively and appropriate support offered. All actions are taken with the aim of maintaining inclusion, dignity, and fairness.

Jewellery and other non-uniform accessories must be removed when requested by staff to ensure safety and adherence to school standards.

The Headteacher has the final decision on all matters relating to uniform and appearance and will consider both the school's standards and the individual circumstances of students.

### **School Uniform (compliant with DfE guidance up to four MSJ branded items):**

- **Blazer:** Royal blue **MSJ** blazer with school badge
- **Shirt:** Blue, long or short-sleeved
- **Trousers:** Black tailored trousers
- **Skirt:** Dark grey pleated skirt, worn with plain black tights
- **Tie:** **MSJ** relevant house tie
- **Shoes:** Plain black shoes (not boots or trainers)

- **Socks (with trousers):** Black or grey
- **Tights (with skirt):** Plain black tights
- **Headscarf (optional):** Navy blue



**Prohibited – Students must not wear:**

- Jewellery (except a wrist watch)
- Body piercing
- False nails
- False eyelashes
- Makeup
- Adornments
- Extreme hairstyles (e.g. shaved heads, tramlines, unnatural colours, dreadlocks).
- Caps and Hats
- Hairsprays/ products must not be brought to school
- Hair accessories must be dark and discreet
- Trainers/ boots/ canvas shoes – the schools footwear guide can be found [here](#)

**PE Uniform**

**Compulsory:**

- **MSJ** polo shirt
- Navy and royal blue shorts
- Navy sports socks
- Trainers

**Optional:**

- MSJ track pants
- MSJ navy sports leggings
- MSJ quarter zip top

**Advisable:**

- Gumshield



### **Approved Uniform Suppliers**

Only the following suppliers are authorised to provide **MSJ** badged uniform and PE kit:

#### **Whittakers School Wear (Bolton)**

106 Deansgate, Bolton, BL1 1BD

Tel: 01204 389485

#### **Ziggys Schoolwear (Farnworth)**

6 Brackley Street, Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 9DR

Tel: 01204 577211

Pale blue shirts, grey skirts and black school trousers are widely available at retail outlets and supermarkets.

### **Uniform Affordability and Support**

At Mount St Joseph, we are committed to ensuring that the cost of school uniform does not become a barrier to education, nor cause any pupil or family to feel excluded or under financial pressure. In keeping with our Catholic values, we seek to support all members of our school community with understanding, dignity, and respect.

Parents or carers who may experience difficulty in providing the required uniform are warmly encouraged to contact the Headteacher. Any concerns raised will be treated with sensitivity, discretion, and compassion, and support will be offered wherever possible.

The school regularly reviews its uniform supplier, pricing, and quality to ensure that items remain affordable and of good quality. We value the views of parents, carers, and pupils, and consult with them to help guide decisions and ensure our approach remains fair and inclusive.

Pre-loved uniform will be available at designated times throughout the year, supporting families while promoting care for others and responsible use of resources.

If you are entitled to a uniform grant, these are available through the one-stop shop. For financial concerns, please **contact the school**.

We hold second-hand uniform; anyone struggling to afford any item of uniform should inform the Head of Year.

### **Raising Concerns and Adjustments to Uniform**

Parents and carers are encouraged to raise any concerns or questions regarding the school uniform, dress code, or appearance with the school. Requests to adjust uniform requirements - for example, for medical, religious, or other specific reasons will be considered thoughtfully, fairly, and sensitively.

Students should speak to their PDT Tutor or Head of Year if they have any uniform-related issues. They are also able to suggest improvements or raise matters through the School Council, ensuring that student voices are heard and considered.

In the event of extreme weather or exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher may temporarily adjust uniform expectations to safeguard the comfort, health, and wellbeing of students. Any such changes will be communicated clearly to families via the Arbor App.