



## St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy

### Uniform Policy

‘The Lord God made garments for Adam and his wife and the Lord clothes them.’

Genesis 3:21

Children at St. Patrick's are proud to wear their uniform and treat it with care. School uniform instils a sense of belonging and community pride and ensures equality amongst pupils. We maintain a strict uniform policy and ask that parents/carers support all aspects of the school uniform policy, ensure their child is always in the correct full school uniform and mark all items of clothing and footwear with their child's name.

Uniform plays an important part in supporting our behaviour curriculum and our school rules outlined in the 'St Patrick's Way,' particularly the school aim of 'dress to impress,' which promotes a respect and pride in our school uniform. Uniform sets the appropriate tone for education, supports our school values and also provides a sense of belonging and identity to our Catholic school.

Working with our supplier the cost of our uniform is reviewed each year to ensure that it is 'reasonable and secures the best value for money and parents'. We recognise that the quality and durability of a garment are important considerations alongside its base cost, as we know that high quality uniforms are sustainable and long lasting, producing savings for families over the longer term.

The compulsory branded items that are included in our general school uniform have been kept to the minimum and are longer lasting items.

These arrangements provide better value for money for families, ensure year round availability of products for all pupils, and enables our retailer to provide tailored affordability support to those who need it.

We also have a supply of second-hand uniform which is available. We ensure that all second-hand uniform is of a high standard and suitable for second hand provision. Parents who wish to access second hand uniform or to seek financial support in purchasing uniform should contact the school office.

Purchasing items from our nominated suppliers is highly recommended as parents can then be certain that uniform is correct. These are identified below along with the service they provide:

- Online ordering from:

**Kit Out** <https://kitoutclothing.co.uk/> Enquiries can be made by telephone 07725656857 or email [harry@kitoutclothing.co.uk](mailto:harry@kitoutclothing.co.uk)

**S&A Uniforms** <https://sauniforms.co.uk> Enquiries can be made by telephone 07970875671 or email [s-auniforms@ntlworld.com](mailto:s-auniforms@ntlworld.com)

- Free delivery service to the school during term time only

**Key items of school and PE uniform are listed below:**

**Boys:**

- Grey school style trousers
- St Patrick's School sweatshirt and green polo shirt both with school logo
- Plain black shoes (no trainers)
- Grey/dark socks

**Girls:**

- Grey knee length, school style skirt, pinafore or grey school style trousers
- St Patrick's School sweatshirt or cardigan and green polo shirt both with school logo
- Plain black flat shoes (not trainers, high heeled or fashion shoes or boots as they can prove dangerous)
- White socks or grey or bottle green tights
- In summer girls may wear a green and white checked school dress with their cardigan/sweatshirt

**All Pupils will need:**

- All pupils will need plain dark coat (no logos please)
- A St Patrick's School logo book bag

**OPAL Playtimes:**

During lunchtime, children enjoy Opal (Outdoor Play and Learning) where we aim for all children to be able to access the playground and field in all weathers. Please ensure children have:

- A pair of wellingtons boots to school with their name
- Waterproof trousers or an all-in-one waterproof overall to protect uniform in wet weather

**PE Uniform. All pupils need:**

- A St Patrick's School logo white T Shirt
- Bottle green shorts
- An unbranded black hoodie
- Black joggers
- Trainers.

PE uniform can be worn to school on days when children have PE lessons: Monday for Key Stage 1 and EYFS pupils, Wednesday for Key Stage 2 classes.

Key stage 2 classes participate in swimming lessons in the spring & summer terms.

**Girls will need:**

- A full swimsuit (no bikini or two-piece suits)
- A towel

**Boys will need:**

- Swimming trunks above the knee in length without pockets
- A towel

Goggles may be worn with parental permission.

**Hair Styles:**

All pupils' hair styles must be neat, tidy and kept out of pupil's eyes.

Tram lines, shaved patterns, closely shaved styles, coloured hair or coloured hair extensions which are not the pupils' natural hair colour and fashion styles are not allowed.

All pupils with shoulder length hair must have it tied back for health and safety reasons with a plain black or green band or school logoed hair tie.

Hair clips and hair bands must be discrete in size, functional not excessive and green, brown, black, gold or silver in colour. Hair gel is a cosmetic product and therefore not allowed.

**Jewellery:**

To ensure a safe environment for all in school, no jewellery is allowed at any time and pupils will be asked to remove them if they are worn in school.

This also includes religious jewellery such as crucifixes.

If pupils have their ears pierced in term time, parents will need to cover the studs with plasters each day before coming to school until they can be removed.

**Items Not Allowed**

Make-up, Fake eye lashes, nail varnish, false nails, tattoos, jewellery including rings, necklaces, bracelets and hair jewellery, electrical devices including mobile phones, smart watches and other smart devices, cameras, ipods and ipads are not permitted in school. Such electrical items may be searched for and may be confiscated if found. See the school's Behaviour and Search Policy.

Year 6 children who have permission to walk to/from school alone along with other children with exceptional circumstances may bring a mobile phone to school with permission. These are then locked in the school office during the school day.

Aerosols and laser pens should not be brought into school

Naming of pupil property is important for clear identification if it is misplaced or lost.

In cases where school uniform is deliberately not followed and unpermitted items are brought into school, children will be reminded of the uniform and behaviour policy and parents contacted if necessary.

The school reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any child whose uniform does not comply with these requirements set out in this policy. Please see the Behaviour Policy.

For some children, the uniform policy will be adapted to meet the needs of the children. This will be agreed by the school and parents with the support of outside agencies if needed.

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