

Uniform and jewellery policy

St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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'Rooted in Kindness, Guided by Faith, Reaching for Excellence.'

At St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy, we endeavour to prepare children effectively for life beyond school. This includes learning how to present themselves in a smart, professional manner. We take great pride in our school uniform and encourage all of our pupils to do the same. Furthermore, our uniform contributes to positive behaviour in school and enables us to create an environment where all pupils feel welcome and part of our community.

Schools are strongly encouraged to have a uniform as it can play a key role in:

- promoting the ethos of a school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

Please see school uniform requirements below:



- Bottle green **knitted** V-neck jumper/cardigan
- School tie – elasticated for EYFS and KS1, 39" tie for KS2
- White buttoned shirts with collar
- Grey school skirt/pinafore or grey smart trousers (not joggers)
- Grey tights/grey or white socks
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers (no coloured logos)

SUMMER:

- Green gingham dress
- Grey smart school shorts (not sports material)





PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt (school logo is preferred)
- plain black zip up or hooded jumper (school logo is preferred)
- plain black jogging bottoms or black/bottle green PE shorts
- black or white trainers (no bright colours)
- NO SPORTS BRANDING ON PE KITS



Hair Styles

- Hair colours should be within the range of natural shades
- Hair accessories must be practical (small), purposeful and in school colours (black, dark green, white) NO large headbands or fashion bows

Please label each item of clothing with your child's name. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items but will help children look for 'labelled' property.

Additional Items

- Jewellery: one set of small ear studs may be worn in the lobe of the ear but must be removed for PE/Games and swimming or taped over by a parent/carer. All other jewellery is not permitted.
- Pupils may wear an analogue or digital watch which will be removed for PE; smart devices, such as smart watches are not permitted.
- Pupils may not wear make-up, nail varnish, acrylic nails or similar.

Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times including adhering to the expectations around hair and jewellery (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition
- Ensure pupils are dressed appropriately for attending school

Parents are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Pupil non-compliance

Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.

The school will deal with pupil non-compliance in a proportionate and fair way.

Cost considerations and Uniform supplies

The school gives high priority to cost considerations. Almost all of the uniform, apart from the tie can be purchased at supermarkets to lower the cost to parents. The P.E. kits do not require a school logo, however we feel the children look smarter and provide a sense of belonging to our school community displaying our logo. Logo items (PE t-shirt, hoodie and tie) are sold at <https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-st-patricks-primary/schools-st-patricks-primary-primary/>.

During the year, we offer parents a chance to purchase good quality, donated school uniform items for a small donation or use the school uniform swap shop where parents/carers can swap an outgrown, good quality item of uniform for a bigger size.

Any parent in receipt of Pupil Premium, or is struggling financially to purchase school uniform items, please speak in confidence to a member of the school office staff.

Please consider donating good quality ties, jumpers, cardigans and PE t-shirts/hoodies if your child no longer needs them. All donations will be gratefully received.

Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA)

Personal Effects, including jewellery and Cultural or Religious Adornments

- Pupils must remove any personal effects for Physical Activity.

Medical bracelets should be acceptable for most Physical Education and sports' activities without the need for removal. However, these items need to be regularly checked by the owner to make sure there is no hard or sharp edges that may cause injury. Where there is any concern, the bracelet can be covered with tape, padding or a soft, sports-style wristband

Religious artefacts need to be removed. Health and safety law usually takes precedence over equality law because of the implication of the 'safety of others' and the specific duty set out in the Health and Safety at Work act 1974

Sensory Aids

The decision as to whether it is safe or possible to wear glasses or hearing aids will be determined by the nature of the activity. Activities involving physical contact and full game situations may not be appropriate. Where sensory aids need to be worn, the activity can be amended. For example, by providing more space and time or using a soft ball.

Disclaimers from parents alleging the removal of responsibility from teachers in the event of an injury occurring while their child takes part in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA) while wearing jewellery, personal effects, or non-policy clothing or footwear is declined as such indemnities hold no legal status.