



# UNIFORM POLICY

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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St Patrick's is a happy, safe and caring community where everyone is welcomed and included.

At St Patrick's:

- Children are encouraged to thrive intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually
- Everyone and everything is valued and appreciated
- The potential of all is nurtured and developed
- Christian values are at the heart of all we do

## Aim

The Governors of the school believe that a school uniform is an important contributor to the overall success of the school and therefore expect that the school uniform will be worn by all children including those in the Nursery.

This policy document will outline:

- The reasons for having a school uniform
- What the school uniform consists of
- Making the uniform accessible
- How the school will deal with non-adherence

## Why we have a school uniform

The Governing Body of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School believes that a school uniform is important in building the pupils' sense of identity and belonging to the community of the school. It instils a sense of pride in the school and supports positive behaviour.

It is one of the symbols of the ethos of the school and protects children from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender or background. There are other advantages to having a school uniform which are important to the governing body, such as security. A uniform enables pupils to be identified easily and means that any intruders can be identified swiftly.

## Our school uniform

### Everyday uniform

- pale blue polo shirt or blouse (long or short sleeved)
- navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt, skort or pinafore\*
- black school shoes

\*in warmer months, pupils may wear a pale blue and white gingham dress

### PE

- Plain white t-shirt (no branding) and navy sweatshirt
- Black or grey shorts, joggers or leggings

or

- Plain white t-shirt
- Green school tracksuit

And

- Trainers

Pupils are asked to wear PE uniform on their PE days rather than changing in school.

## Nursery Uniform

The Nursery has its own uniform consisting of a red sweatshirt with (or without) school logo and white polo shirt. Pupils should also wear dark joggers or a pinafore or skirt).

## Additional guidance

- Some items of school uniform can be purchased from our uniform supplier with the school badge on but it is not compulsory to do so. Equivalent items can be bought from most large supermarkets and high street retailers
- All items of school uniform should be **clearly labelled** with the child's name (including shoes). It is important that children wear sensible shoes for school with buckles or Velcro.
- Trainers are only part of the P.E. uniform and should not be worn at other times during the school day.
- Open-toed sandals and shoes with raised heels should also not be worn. These are not suitable for school, especially at play times.
- In the interests of safety, no jewellery – chains, rings or metal earrings – may be worn in school. Children are permitted to wear small, clear plastic sports earrings.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Nail varnish, make-up and temporary tattoos are not acceptable as part of the school uniform.
- Extreme hairstyles – tramlines and vivid colours – are not permitted.
- Standard watches may be worn although the school cannot take responsibility for them and they must be removed for P.E. lessons.

## Accessibility to school uniform

The Governing Body recognises the need to ensure that the uniform is affordable. The school will also ensure that parents or carers, where necessary, know about any local authority schemes that can provide school clothing grants or other help towards the cost of school clothing.

The Governing Body recognises its obligations to accommodate reasonable religious requirements within the official school uniform and to ensure it is not discriminatory on the grounds of gender, race, religion or belief.

## Adhering to the policy

Having the correct equipment, including uniform, is an expectation for all pupils, as outlined in our Positive Behaviour Policy. The Governing Body will ensure that the school is considerate and discreet when trying to establish why a pupil is not adhering to the school's uniform policy.

The school will work with parents and carers to find acceptable solutions that will help the pupil adhere to the uniform policy. Whilst the Head teacher may discipline pupils appropriately for non-adherence to the policy, exclusion from the school will not be deemed appropriate action unless non-adherence is persistent and defiant.

We ask for the co-operation of parents to ensure that pupils are suitably dressed and thus represent the school and themselves appropriately.

The uniform guidance is clear and the uniform itself is intended to be both practical and smart. Most of the uniform is generally available and specific items such as school fleece, jumper, cardigan, polo shirt with logo are available to order from S and N Workwear - <http://sandnworkwear.co.uk/>