



## Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School

*Our Mission in Saint Patrick's is to develop each child's talents potential in a caring Catholic community inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

### UNIFORM POLICY

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Uniform expectations at Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary school stem from our school Mission Statement and by following a shared Home School Partnership Agreement with all stakeholders. This consistent approach will help to nurture the unique value of each pupil, but also emphasise the collaborative membership of our Christian Catholic school community.

Our pupils have created their own interpretation of the school Mission Statement with the motto –

**'Live, Love and learn like Jesus'**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school - organised events outside normal school hours. We ask that parents, as **'Partners in Learning'** with the school, co-operate fully with this policy.

The wearing of our school uniform is desirable as we believe that it -

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging to our school family;
- identifies the children with our school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion and gives children a sense of equality;
- promotes a sense of pride in personal appearance;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in school;
- is practical, comfortable, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

#### 2. WHAT OUR CHILDREN WEAR TO SCHOOL

Pupils should wear -

- a white shirt or blouse with our school tie (*short sleeved option for warmer months*)
- red and blue striped tie (*from September 2019*)
- a royal blue V necked jumper or cardigan emblazoned with the school logo
- a royal blue V necked tank top emblazoned with the school logo
- Plain mid grey, tailored trousers (*not fitted, fashion, jersey, embellished etc.*)
- Plain mid grey, tailored shorts (*option for summer months*)
- Mid grey skirt or culottes (*of a modest length; no higher than just above the knee*)
- Mid grey pinafore dress
- Royal / Light blue gingham dress (*option for warmer months*)
- Grey or navy woollen tights
- Grey or white socks
- formal, flat and securely fitting black shoes

For P.E. or other sporting activities, pupils should wear -

- White polo shirt or white T-shirt \*
- Navy shorts or 'skort'
- Daps or plain black or white trainers
- Navy or black tracksuit
- Navy or black sweatshirt
- An additional pair of socks (*to change into if wearing tights*)

*\*Please note that polo shirts and T - shirts are available with the school logo as an option*

### 3. HIGH STANDARDS OF PRESENTATION

**Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary expects its pupils to wear their uniform with pride in their school and personal appearance -**

- Shirt or blouses - must be tucked in; top buttons must be done up and ties knotted or fastened securely. School staff will permit children to undo buttons or take off ties in hot weather.
- Skirts, culottes, pinafores or summer dresses must be of an appropriate length (no higher than just above the knee) which allows the pupil to sit comfortably on the floor.
- Tailored trousers should be full length and not black, tight fitted, fashion, jersey, embellished etc. In summer, shorts must be tailored. Three-quarter, calf length or leggings are not permitted.
- For health and safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of a watch and one earring stud in each ear.
- Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be appropriate and in school colours. Long hair should be tied back.
- Make up and nail varnish must not be worn in school.
- Extreme hairstyles such as buzz cuts, shaved designs, hair colouring or use of styling product are unacceptable for school.
- For health and safety reasons, trainers, open-toed sandals, canvas shoes, knee high boots, platform soles or high heels are not permitted in school.

### 4. P.E. LESSONS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

For health and hygiene reasons, all children must have a change of suitable clothes and footwear for P.E. and other physical activities. Velcro fastening or elasticated daps are essential for younger children in Foundation stage and Key Stage 1 classes. This kit should be contained in a draw string dap bag which will remain in the child's locker at school. It is recommended that parents take the kit home to wash at least once every half term – however, the child must have it in school in good time for the next week. Watches and earrings must be removed for PE to prevent them causing injury or being damaged. Alternatively, simple stud earrings can be covered with micro pore tape which must be provided from home and applied by the child. Staff are not permitted to assist children with taking out or putting in earrings.

Each year group will take part in a unit of Outdoor Learning / Forest School sessions, for which they should wear older, warm and comfortable clothes, including wellies or other suitable, water proof shoes. Children will be expected to change into their school uniform after the morning session. Forest Schools' clothes are not stored in school.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 will all take part in a series of weekly swimming sessions at the Springfield Leisure Centre. Children are expected to bring appropriate and modest swimwear and a towel in to school on the day of their swimming lesson. This must be taken home for washing and not stored in the child's locker.

**ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM – INCLUDING PE KIT, DAPS, OUTDOOR COATS, GLOVES, HATS, CAPS, WELLIES, SWIM SUITS AND TOWELS MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THE CHILD'S FULL NAME.**

### 5. PARENTS AS PARTNERS

We expect parents to work in partnership with the school in upholding our expectations of uniform. We expect parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit in school at all times, and that **it is clearly labelled with the child's full name, is clean and in a good state of repair.**

If a parent has difficulties in fulfilling this request, they are encouraged to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our store to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to draw their attention to the fact that their child is not compliant with school uniform expectations.

Our school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities.

If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

## WHERE CAN I BUY THE SAINT PATRICK'S UNIFORM?

Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary uses the Marks and Spencer online uniform shop (<http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com>) to provide all items with the school logo as well as the school tie. Please find our school by selecting 'Find Your School' and clicking on 'Wiltshire'.

The school currently holds school ties for purchase via the school office.

Items that do not require the school logo can be purchased from other retailers.

### Further optional considerations -

- School book bag with logo
- School dap bag with logo
- School rucksack with logo
- School cap with logo
- Waterproof coat with logo

***Our PTFA stock a range of second-hand uniform. If you are interested in second-hand uniform please contact our office who will put you in contact with our PTFA to arrange this.***

## 6. THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in fully implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy is fit for purpose and enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is comfortable, hardwearing, safe and practical.

The Governing Body will monitor the effectiveness of the school uniform policy and undergo a review every 5 years by -

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- If appropriate, they will remedy any significant deficiencies or weaknesses found without delay.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

## APPENDIX - Photos of approved school uniform and shoes

## 7. POLICY REVIEW

**Date of policy review: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Date of next review: 1st December 2025**

**APPENDIX**

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**EXAMPLES OF APPROVED SCHOOL SHOES -**



**EXAMPLES OF UNAPPROVED SCHOOL SHOES -**

