

ST. GABRIEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

School uniform policies can promote school safety, improve discipline, promote a sense of identity and enhance the learning environment. The potential benefits of school uniforms include helping parents and students resist peer pressure and helping students concentrate on their school work. It can minimise expense and stress for parents daily when preparing a child for school. It is the wish of the majority of the parents in St. Gabriel's school that our school should have a uniform. In line with Department of Education circulars, the uniform set out below may be purchased at any store and does not require any special markings or crests. Pupils are required to fully comply with this policy and we look to the support of parents to ensure this happens. In exceptional cases, if pupils are out of uniform, parents should supply the child with a written explanation for the class teacher.

Uniform

Wine colour skirt or Pinafore. Wine jumper, blue shirt and optional wine neck tie.

Or

Grey trousers, blue shirt, wine jumper and optional wine neck tie.

Tracksuit

Plain navy v neck or round neck tracksuit top. Plain, navy, tracksuit bottoms, white or blue aertex t-shirt. Runners must be worn. N.B. Tracksuit tops must NOT have zips. Tracksuits with large logos are not allowed. In the event that a child does not have access to a school tracksuit, the child should wear their school uniform and bring sports clothes to change into in school.

Shorts

Plain, navy, school shorts may be worn in warm weather. They should not have stripes, logos or other branding. Bicycle shorts, leggings or other fashion items are not permitted.

School crest

The school crest is optional. When available, crests may be purchased in the school office at a minimal price. These need to be sewn or ironed on to clothes. Some local shops provide jumpers with the school crest but jumpers without a crest from larger department stores are equally acceptable.

Shoes

Footwear should be sensible and suitable for school life. Flat shoes, runners or boots are required. Expensive, branded footwear is discouraged. Children should wear runners/shoes with Velcro until they have learned to tie their own laces.

Jewellery: In general, wearing jewellery in school is discouraged as it may be damaged, lost or dangerous. To meet Health and Safety requirements only stud earrings may be worn in the earlobes only. A watch may also be worn. This is at the child's own risk. Nail varnish is discouraged.

P.E.

To comply with health and safety a tracksuit and runners should be worn for PE. Fingernails should be kept short and acrylic or false nails must not be worn.

Special School Events

For some special events (choir, Guard of Honour, outside competitions, outside trips etc) children may be required to wear full school uniform or full tracksuit. Non compliance may mean that the child /children will not be allowed to participate in the specified event.

Lost property

In order to facilitate children in identifying property all items, especially coats, jumpers and track suit tops, which children remove, should have the child's name clearly visible. This helps the children and staff to find and return lost items. However, the school management does not accept responsibility for lost items.

Recycling

We keep a store of second hand uniforms in the school. These are offered to children in the case of an accident, in cold weather as necessary or when the children are required to be in full uniform for special events. We encourage parents to donate good condition uniforms to us when they can.

Non-Uniform days

On designated non-uniform days, clothing and footwear suitable for school should be worn.

Health and Safety

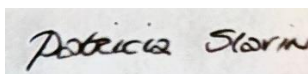
To meet Health and Safety standards the following are not allowed: high heeled shoes, long or gel nails, neck chains, bracelets, rings, dangling or hoop earrings, facial piercing or body piercings. Children are not permitted to wear any clothing or accessories which may cause a threat to safety. Children should wear runners/shoes with Velcro until they have learned to tie their own laces. For hygiene and practical purposes, it is best to have long hair tied back. Make-up is not permitted.

Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management as necessary and at least within a four-year period.

Signature

Signed on behalf of the Board of Management

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Slavin", on a light-colored rectangular background.

Ms. Patricia Slavin
Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 23/03/23