



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

St John's Catholic Comprehensive School

**OUR MISSION
STATEMENT**

*Excellence for all
Service to others
Inspired by Christ*

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School Uniform Policy

All students in Years 7 to 11 must wear the correct school uniform when travelling to and from school, during the school day and on journeys, events and visits arranged by the school. The school uniform must be worn tidily and correctly. The school reserves the right to send students home to change if they are not in the correct clothes and to confiscate items of inappropriate clothing.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform can be found on the school website.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the pupils with the school;
- prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain gold earring studs in pierced ears for girls, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the pupils to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit pupils to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other pupils, or to dye their hair an unnatural colour. The final decision on whether a haircut is 'extreme' will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Footwear

The school wants all pupils to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for pupils to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow pupils to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow pupils to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all pupils to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and named.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head of Year.

The school welcomes pupils from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. The final decision will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

The role of Governors

The Governors support the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors consider all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps pupils to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical