

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School



## School Uniform Policy

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## Aims

Through this policy we aim to ensure that within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The schools concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

We believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we ask all parents who send their children to St Patrick's Catholic Primary School to adhere to the School Uniform Policy. We require pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

<b>Winter Uniform for Girls</b>	<b>Winter Uniform for Boys</b>
Navy school blazer with school badge * (optional) Plain navy or black outdoor coat (no logos, fur or leather) Navy skirt, tunic or trousers White long sleeved blouse/shirt School Tie * V Neck navy jumper or cardigan (plain) White or navy socks White or navy thick tights Plain black school shoes Plain navy or black winter hat, scarf and gloves	Navy school blazer with school badge * (optional) Plain navy or black outdoor coat (no logos, fur or leather) Dark grey trousers White long sleeved shirt School Tie* V Neck navy jumper (plain) Grey socks Plain black school shoes Plain navy or black winter hat, scarf and gloves
<b>Summer Uniform for Girls</b>	<b>Summer Uniform for Boys</b>
Navy school blazer with school badge * (optional) Green and white check dress Navy skirt, tunic or trousers White short sleeved blouse/shirt School Tie * V Neck jumper or cardigan (plain) Plain black or navy shoes/sandals (not open toe) White ankle or knee length socks Navy or Green school Summer hat (optional)	Navy school blazer with school badge * (optional) Dark grey trousers Dark grey school shorts White short sleeved shirt School Tie * V Neck navy jumper Plain black or navy shoes or sandals (no open toe) Grey socks Navy or Green school Summer hat (optional)

<b>Clothing for P.E. and Games</b>
Navy Shorts Green School T Shirt* Black Plimsolls (or Trainers in KS2) Draw string School kit bag* School Sweatshirt* School jogging bottoms*  *Items marked with an asterisk are only obtainable from Victoria 2 School Uniform Shop, 246 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17 3AX

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### SKIRTS

Skirt length should be appropriate for primary aged children. If in doubt, please see the Deputy Headteacher who will be able to make this judgement and her decision will be final.

### P.E KIT

It is essential that every child has a complete change of clothing for P.E. to enable freedom of movement and to minimise the risk of catching a cold. Although the P.E. kit of shorts and T-shirt is adequate during the summer months, the school sweatshirt and green jogging bottoms with elasticated ankles are recommended in the winter.

Children who play netball and football need a separate kit including football boots (as appropriate). Polo shirts are *not* part of the P.E. kit.

Children taking part in swimming lessons will be given details of the appropriate swimwear before lessons commence. The swimming coaches do not permit children to wear bikinis or beach shorts in the pool. All children must wear a swimming cap.

### HAIR

Hairstyles should be neat and tidy with hair longer than collar length clipped, plaited or tied back throughout the school day. Hairstyles should be age appropriate and suitable for the primary school setting. This applies to both boys and girls. The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts including 'tramlines' and patterns cut into the hair, that could serve as a distraction to other children. Dyed or tinted hair is not allowed; the use of gel or similar hair products is not allowed; and braiding with adornments is not allowed. Parents will be contacted and we will expect by the following day that the hairstyle meets the expectation of the school policy.

### HAIR ORNAMENTS

Beads in the hair are inappropriate as they may cause injury.

If girls wish to wear hair ornaments, scrunchies, bows or hair slides they should be in any combination of the school colours – green, white, gold or navy.

### JEWELLERY

If your child has pierced ears, one small plain stud in silver or gold is permitted in each ear. No other colour ear-rings should be worn. Hoop or drop ear rings are not permitted for safety reasons. Children may wear a crucifix but this is to be removed for P.E. lessons. No other jewellery is permitted. *(please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for jewellery that is lost)*

### WATCHES

Watches may be worn at school, but must be removed before P.E. lessons. *(please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for watches that are lost)*

### MAKE UP

No make up to be worn at school, and no nail polish to be worn on fingers or toes.

## **BAGS**

Children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 should be provided with the school Book Bag. Children in Key Stage 2 should be provided with a KS2 Book Bag. Both bags are available from Victoria 2 School Uniform Shop.

## **FOOTWEAR**

It is generally agreed that shoes with sport logos on them are “trainer shoes”. These shoes are not permitted for school wear. However in Key Stage 2 “trainers are permitted for P.E. only as they provide greater support for feet and ankles.

## **LABELLING**

Please ensure that ALL clothing is clearly marked with your child’s name as the school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.

## **MOBILE PHONES**

Under no circumstances should children bring a mobile phone to school. Also excluded are i-Pods, MP3 Players, Nintendo DS, Blackberries and any other form of personal electronic gadgets or equipment. Should a child be found to have such an item on them it will be confiscated immediately and given to the Headteacher. Parents will be informed and asked to personally collect the item at the end of the day. *(The school accepts NO responsibility for loss or damage).*

## **SUN PROTECTION**

As the school cannot accept responsibility for protecting children against the sun, parents are advised to take adequate precautions. On hot and sunny days, it is recommended that parents apply sun protection cream/lotion to their children before school. Sun protection cream/lotion may be stored in school for children to re-apply at lunchtime if necessary. Creams/lotions must be clearly labelled with your child’s name and class.

## **ROLE OF PARENTS**

We ask all parents who send their children to St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School to adhere to the School Uniform Policy. We require parents to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child’s name. If a child is found not to be adhering to the School Uniform Policy, parents will be contacted. If parents are unable to come and bring the correct uniform, we will have a supply of clean uniform, which has been donated by other parents, which pupils will be asked to change into.

## **ROLE OF GOVERNORS**

The governing body sets the policy and supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. From time to time it considers representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors’ responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property bin is situated in the entrance door in the Reception play area and it is cleared meticulously at the end of each half term. Items remaining unclaimed at this time will be disposed of to a local charity.

### WINTER/SUMMER HATS

In winter, navy blue or black hats, scarves and gloves may be worn. These must be plain and not have any designs or logos on them. Navy hats and scarves can be bought from Victoria 2 School Uniform Shop. Previously sold traditional green and gold striped hats may continue to be worn

In summer, navy or green summer hats may be worn. These must also be plain. Summer hats are available to buy from Victoria 2 School Uniform Shop.

Parents will be sent a text if their child/ren come to school in the wrong uniform. If children persistently come to school in the wrong uniform, parents will be contacted by the Headteacher and asked to attend a meeting.