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# St George's National School

## School Uniform Policy

## **Introduction**

Children attending St. George's National School are expected to wear their uniform to school every day. Children should also wear their uniform when representing St. George's National School outside of school hours. This policy has been drawn up through a collaborative process involving the School Staff and Board of Management.

## **Aims and Objectives**

Our policy for 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, while creating a school identity
- Is practical and smart
- School uniform is about Equality- all pupils are equal and as such are valued equally and treated equally while promoting a feeling of equality to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- School uniform removes the peer pressure to wear designer labels and other expensive clothing and removes the pressure to keep up with fashion trends.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.
- A school uniform establishes a code of dress appropriate to the image St George's wishes to present.

## **The Uniform**

- Navy sweatshirt with school logo
- A red polo shirt.
- Navy tracksuit bottoms with red piping
- Black shoes for normal wear and trainers for days when children have Physical Education lessons

## Crests

*The uniform/crested jumper and cardigans are available for purchase from: McFadden's*

Drogheda Street  
Balbriggan.  
Tel: 01 841 2478

Alternatively the school crest can be purchased from the school office for sewing onto jumpers and cardigans at a cost of five euro each or three for ten euro.

Generic jumpers, pants , tracksuits , polo shirts, etc. may be purchased at major retail stores such as Aldi, Lidl, Dunnes, Tesco, Penneys, etc.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.

### **Extreme haircuts**

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair gel will only be allowed for smoothing down hair. Long hair must be tied back to minimise outbreaks of headlice within classrooms.

### **The Role of Parents**

To successfully implement the School Uniform Policy, the school is fully dependent on the support of parents/guardians. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. Parents should ensure that all items are adequately labelled with their child's details. A pen or formal label can be used for this purpose. All personal belongings are to be marked clearly. The Board of Management does not accept responsibility for children's property.

### **Lost Property**

A lost property basket is located in the foyer. Pupils or parents must seek permission from the school secretary before searching the lost property

basket. Unclaimed lost property is sent to charity shops at the end of the school year.

### **Dress and Appearance - Implementation and Sanctions**

- Staff members will check uniforms as part of the daily school routine.
- Students are expected to wear their full school uniform every day without modification. If the dress code is not adhered to, parents will be asked to collect their child so they can change into their uniform.
- As per our Code of Behaviour, students will be asked to remove make-up , false nails, eyelashes or inappropriate jewellery.
- Pupils are expected to keep their uniform clean and tidy.

### **Implementation**

This policy was reviewed in March 2023 and is next due for review in 2025.

Date ratified by the Board of Management: \_\_\_\_\_