

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



SCHOOL UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY

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Our School Uniform is important to us. School uniform can play a valuable role by: setting an appropriate tone; instilling pride; supporting positive behaviour and discipline; encouraging identity with, and support for, the school ethos; protecting children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils. We also believe that it supports effective teaching and learning.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times. At St Vincent's, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- looks smart
- wears well
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- reduces 'fashion competition' between students.

All students should wear the uniform, and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy dress in school.

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Reception

- Plain white polo shirt
- Grey tailored long trousers or grey pinafore dress/skirt
- Navy V-neck jumper or cardigan (*)
- Grey socks for trousers
- White socks for skirts/dresses or grey or navy tights
- Plain black shoes
- Black or navy coat

Years 1 to Year 6

- White short or long-sleeved shirt
- Light blue school tie (*)
- Grey tailored long trousers or grey pinafore dress/skirt
- Navy V-neck jumper or cardigan (*)
- Grey socks for trousers
- White socks for skirts/dresses or grey or navy tights
- Plain black shoes
- Black or navy coat

Please note: From **September 2026**, all pupils in **Years 1 to Year 6** will be expected to wear a white collared shirt with the school tie during the autumn and spring terms. As a result, the open-neck (revere collar) blouse will no longer form part of the school uniform.

Summer variations

- Short grey tailored trousers
- Plain white polo shirts
- Blue & white check or stripe dress
- School logoed sunhat, alternatively, plain navy or black sunhat

(*) Navy v-neck jumpers and cardigans with the school logo are available from the school office as well as school ties, school bags and summer hats.

School bags (including PE bags)

- Students have the option to use our school bags or backpacks, which feature the official St Vincent's logo. These can be purchased from the school office.
- Any other school bag should be plain navy or black, without logos. Accessories for bags are unnecessary and the school will not accept responsibility for any lost accessory items.

P.E. Kit

- Plain navy blue or black shorts
(PE shorts should be of a suitable length for active movement. PE shorts should be mid-thigh length or longer. Very short or tight-fitting shorts are not appropriate for PE lessons)
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain navy blue or black tracksuit
- Black plimsolls and/or plain black trainers for games or PE

Fashion Items, Jewellery and Hairstyles

- For safety reasons, students are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. This includes earrings of any kind. If ears need to be pierced, then please leave this until the start of the summer holiday.
- Fashion accessories such as make-up, nail polish, hair gel, hair extensions, jewellery other than plain analogue watches, should not be worn. Smart watches or watches that play games are unsuitable.
- Long hair should be tied back neatly and off the face, with bands, 'scrunchies' or ribbons where possible in the school colours (navy, white). Extreme hairstyles are not suitable as they draw excessive attention to your child and detract from learning. Long hair is classed as below the nape of the neck. Anything under a grade 2 or patterns shaved into the hair are considered extreme.
- Any student arriving at school wearing jewellery will be asked to remove it. The child's parents will be informed. If a child is unable to remove the jewellery without assistance, his/her parents will be called and asked to do so. The school will not accept any responsibility for items of jewellery that may get lost.

Conclusion

This policy aims to promote uniformity and inclusivity, avoiding unnecessary competition based on material possessions. We believe that these guidelines will enhance the learning experience for our students, enabling them to concentrate on their studies and personal growth. Your cooperation in adhering to these policies is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to label every item of uniform with a clear name. This is to avoid items being lost.

We appreciate your support for our policy and for sharing our high uniform code expectations for all pupil

