

# Uniform Policy



Sacred Heart Primary School  
Dundrum

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## **Introduction**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending Sacred Heart Primary School, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily.

It is the belief of the school that the wearing of a school uniform by pupils, helps promote effective discipline and therefore contributes to more effective learning and teaching. (Refer to the school's Positive Behaviour Policy).

## **Aims and Objectives**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is cost effective; and
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

## **SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Your child is expected to wear full school uniform at all times. The wearing of earrings is restricted to studs only. Rings are prohibited at all times. Earrings are prohibited on PE days as they are contrary to Health & Safety Regulations. Long hair must be kept tidy at all times.

### **GIRLS**

Grey pinafore or skirt,  
Red cardigan or jumper with school crest, (Binghams, Newcastle)  
White blouse,  
Red and grey striped tie.  
Grey/white socks or grey/black/red tights.  
Red checked dresses may be worn in the Summer Term.

## **BOYS**

Charcoal grey trousers,  
Red jumper with school crest, (Binghams, Newcastle)  
Grey shirt,  
Red and grey striped tie.  
White Polo Shirt may be worn in the Summer Term.

## **SHOES**

All children must wear regular black school shoes.

*NB. No high heels or trainers.*

Black trainers may be worn in the Summer Term

## **PE UNIFORM**

Grey school 3/4 zip jacket, school football shirt, plain black tracksuit bottoms and black trainers should be worn for PE lessons.

PE is a compulsory part of the statutory curriculum from the age of 4 to 16. Clothing and appropriate footwear is an important aspect to safety in PE. For hygiene and health and safety reasons, it is essential therefore, that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. Appropriate footwear is essential: trainers or plimsolls should be worn when the children are taking part in physical education.

Pupils participating in any After School Club may wear school PE Kit.

## **Long Hair**

It may be necessary for pupils to tie long hair back during PE activities (e.g. swimming and gymnastics) if the length of a child's hair is deemed to be a concern due to health and safety considerations. The Principal/governors will refer to 'The Association for Physical Education's Safe Practice in Physical Education and School Sport' document for guidance in matters that may present themselves in the future and are not included in this policy. The governors will use this guidance to inform policy making or to make changes to policy should the need arise.

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears. However, the wearing of studs is also strongly discouraged due to health and safety concerns. Please note that watches are not considered items of jewellery and may be worn. However, depending on the activity, it may be appropriate for children to be asked to remove their watches on health and safety grounds.

## **Make-Up**

The governors deem it inappropriate for pupils in our school to wear make-up and therefore it should not be worn.

## **Hairstyles**

Children are expected to come to school looking clean and smart each day. Fashion wear and styles are not part of our school uniform.

Please note the following school policy regarding hairstyles:

- Boys hair should not be cut any shorter than a number 2
- Shaven hair, hair dye and colour in hair are not permitted
- Lines shaved into the hair are not permitted
- Patterns shaved into the hair are not permitted
- Hairstyles which are extreme, which includes hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top/back are not permitted
- Any hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back at all times (girls and boys)

## **The Role of Parents/Carers**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of this school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. Parents/carers are also asked to label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name.

This policy adheres to the guidelines provided by the Department of Education Northern Ireland (Circular 2011/04) and will be reviewed annually.