



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

It is our policy that all students wear full uniform when:

- Attending school
- Representing the school
- Participating in school-organised events in and outside of normal school hours.

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

- Promotes the ethos of the school
- Provides a sense of belonging and identity
- Identifies the students within the school and community
- Assists in identifying young people that don't belong to our school community
- Sets an appropriate tone and atmosphere for education
- Reduces peer pressure for the latest clothes

By sending your children to St. Peter's RC High School, parents and carers accept responsibility to provide the correct school uniform in accordance with this policy.

St. Peter's senior staff and governors reserve the right to make a ruling about any pupil whose appearance, clothing or footwear is not of an acceptable standard. The uniform policy is strictly enforced and sanctions will be issued for those who refuse to conform. Exceptions for disability, medical and religious needs must be discussed with the relevant Head of Year.

Uniform can be purchased from our recommended uniform suppliers (information available on our website). We also welcome donations of pre-loved school branded items, as well as non-branded items. In cases of hardship, parents or carers should contact their child's Head of Year to discuss how they can receive support.

School Uniform

COMPULSORY

St Peter's RC High School requires three branded items: the maroon blazer bearing the school logo, the maroon V-neck jumper bearing the school logo, and the maroon PE polo shirt bearing the school logo. All other items of uniform including shirts, trousers, skirts, socks, footwear and bags are unbranded and may be purchased from any high-street or other retailer.

- Maroon blazer with St. Peter's logo. Worn at all times in and around school
- Maroon V-neck jumper with St. Peter's logo. Worn at all times in and around school
- School tie. Worn at all times in and around school
- White long or short-sleeved shirt, which should be tucked in at all times
- Plain black, tailored trousers with hooks to support the – not too tight or flared over their shoes
- Black box pleated skirt that should reach just above the knee, together with plain black tights – skirts are not to be rolled up.
- All socks should be plain black with no additional frills.

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- Weather-suitable black shoes. Black trainers, boots, fabric or canvas or open-toed footwear is not allowed.
- An appropriately sized school bag that is capable of holding an A4 sized book or folder, and a PE kit. Designer or imitation bags are not permitted.
- A reusable water bottle

OPTIONAL

- Plain black lightweight headscarf for religious reasons. It must not obscure the school tie.
- An analogue watch
- Outdoor jacket – must be removed on entry to the building

Seasonal Adaptations to the Uniform Policy:

The school reserves the right to make sensible and proportionate amendments to the uniform policy during periods of extreme heat or cold. These temporary adjustments are made with the aim of ensuring student comfort and supporting effective learning.

Parents and carers will be notified in advance when the school implements the Summer Uniform or any other weather-related uniform adjustments.

Non-Uniform Days:

Whilst this allows students the opportunity to express themselves as individuals, it must be done so in an appropriate way. Students must recognise that the school is still a working environment and dress in a manner that doesn't cause embarrassment to staff, students and other members of the school community.

The following items are prohibited:

- See-through or very revealing clothing e.g. cropped tops or excessively ripped jeans
- Strapless tops
- Flip-flops or backless footwear, due to health and safety issues
- Clothing with offensive logos or text (e.g. swear words)

Not allowed in School

- Caps, hats and scarves and outdoor jackets are not allowed to be worn in the building
- Hooded tops are not to be worn on the premises
- Mobile phones (see the Behaviour Policy) and all types of audio headphones are not to be used or worn on the premises
- Smart watches
- Fake/real/temporary tattoos (henna for cultural or religious reasons is permitted)
- Large metal-toothed combs
- Belts worn with trousers must be black and have a small buckle- branded buckles are not permitted

Necessary Learning Equipment

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- Clear pencil case
- Two black pens
- One purple pen (for self-assessment)
- Pencil, sharpener, rubber and ruler
- Scientific calculator (the school does not provide calculators in examinations)

All these items should be carried in their schoolbag -not their pocket or blazer.

PE Wear

Students are expected to change for PE lessons

Compulsory

- Maroon polo shirt with school logo
- Plain black shorts
- Indoor sensible sports shoes
- Outdoor sensible sports shoes

Optional

- St Peter's outdoor sports leggings
- St Peter's outdoor sports jacket

If a student arrives at a PE lesson without the kit, they will be given a sanction, unless they have brought in a note from home.

Jewellery

For reasons of health and safety, we do not allow students to wear jewellery in our school, except for a simple analogue wristwatch. If a student has newly pierced earlobes, they are allowed to wear a small transparent retainer until the lobe has healed properly. These are not, in themselves, fashion items and should be removed once the piercing has healed. Nose studs, ear barbells and other forms of face or body piercing are not acceptable and cannot be worn in school. Jewellery will be confiscated and returned when a parent or carer collects it from school. The school does not take responsibility for the loss or damage of any jewellery, including wristwatches, brought onto the school site.

Health and Safety Requirements

- It is necessary for all students with hair below the shoulder to tie it back.
- In PE lessons, all jewellery must be removed to participate in the lesson.
- In some instances, safety equipment will be provided by the school e.g. safety goggles. These will be provided by the school.
- Students are not allowed to carry any paraphernalia in their blazer, particularly drinks or food.
- Trousers must be worn professionally above the waist.
- Students should not wear their PE kit under their school uniform.

Make-Up and Cosmetics

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- A moderate amount of sympathetically applied foundation is allowed
- Acrylic and other forms of false nails are not allowed
- False eye-lashes are not allowed
- Large amounts of fake tan is not allowed

If students come into school with excessive make-up, fake tan or false eyelashes they will be expected to remove it before they enter the building. If a student comes into school wearing false nails they will be placed in an after-school detention. If they return to school still wearing fake nails, they will be placed in Restoration until they are removed.

Hairstyles

As part of our commitment to high standards in personal presentation and discipline, the following expectations regarding hairstyles apply to all students at St Peter's RC High School:

General Expectations:

- Hairstyles must be neat, tidy, and appropriate for a formal school environment.
- Hair must be kept clean and well-groomed at all times.

Unacceptable Hairstyles: The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

- No extreme hairstyles, including but not limited to: patterns shaved into the scalp, mohawks, or excessive undercuts.
- No brightly coloured hair or unnatural hair dyes (e.g., blue, green, pink, etc.).
- Hair must not cover the face or eyes at any time.
- No excessive use of hair gel or products that create spiked or hardened styles.

Hairspray, gels and lacquer should not be applied in school as they may have health and safety implications. A small 'scrunchie', hairband, clip or ribbon that is plain black or in a colour that naturally blends with the hair can be used to tie hair back. No large decoration in hair is allowed. Any hair beading should be small and coloured black, brown or clear.

Pupils who fail to comply with these expectations may be removed from lessons or be placed in Restoration until the issue is resolved.

General Appearance

Jumpers should not be tied up at the back using elastic bands

Accessories

Only school awarded badges are to be worn as part of the school uniform.

New Trends

We reserve the right to respond to current trends.

Non-adherence to the Uniform Policy

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Staff will closely monitor pupils to ensure that they are in the correct uniform, every day. Where it is deemed a pupil is not in the correct uniform or where their general appearance does not fall in line with policy, this may be dealt with in a number of ways which may include:

- Uniform report
- After-school detention (up to 1-hour)
- Social time exclusion at break or lunch
- Parental contact
- Internal exclusion
- Substitute uniform
- Meeting with the senior staff and the governors

If a student is not able to attend school with the correct uniform, parents/carers should contact the relevant Head of Year via, phone call, text message, email or letter. The Head of Year will issue a short-term Uniform Pass.

If there are issues such as financial hardship that is preventing a student complying with the uniform policy, parents/carers should inform the relevant Head of Year.

Senior Leaders reserve the right to act professionally based on the individual circumstances of any non-compliance issues.

ROLE OF PARENTS/CARERS/GOVERNORS

Parents/Carers

If there is any doubt about whether a particular item is acceptable parents should check with the school before purchasing. The school reserves the right to ban certain unforeseen items that may come in as fads or fashion items and therefore are not specifically stated in our Uniform Policy.

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the student's name
- In good condition -fit for purpose

Governors

St Peter's RC High School Governing Body implements 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 equal opportunities requirements. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps students to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school Uniform Policy through its committee work by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with and support the policy

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- Seeking the views of staff – such as form tutors and the Heads of Year
- Considering with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This Policy will be reviewed by the governing body every year, or earlier if considered necessary.

Link to other policies:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality policy
- Complaints policy