



St. Patrick's College
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Uniform Policy

St Patrick's College, Lacken Cross has a compulsory uniform for all of its students. This uniform is visible evidence of a student's membership of our school and the school therefore expects the full co-operation of parents and guardians to ensure that a student is dressed in the full school uniform every day.

Rationale

A school uniform helps to create a better learning environment by promoting self-discipline and minimising distraction.

A school uniform makes all students equal and eliminates unhealthy competition and peer pressure to dress in a certain way.

A uniform gives students a sense of identity and belonging to our school community and encourages pride in our school.

A uniform prepares young people for the world of work.

Our school uniform is cost effective, practical, comfortable and safe to wear in the school environment.

Wearing the school uniform is a visible commitment to the rules and policies of St Patrick's College, Lacken Cross.

The following is the official school uniform of St Patrick's College

Girls	Boys
Green Jumper with College Crest	Green Jumper with College Crest
White Blouse or White Polo Top	White Blouse or White Polo Top
Green Skirt or Grey flannel trousers	Grey flannel trousers

Students are expected to keep their uniform in good condition at all times.

Footwear

All students must wear navy or black flat shoes. Black shoes should be completely black in colour. In the case of navy shoes, AV8 type shoes with some white in the sole is acceptable. A visual guide to acceptable and unacceptable footwear is included in the appendix of this policy document.

For health and safety reasons shoelaces must be tied at all times.

Other Items

Caps, hats or other head gear are not part of the uniform and are not to be worn during the school day.

Hoodies are not part of the school uniform and may not be worn in school. We recommend that students who are feeling cold should wear a thermal layer if necessary.

Only school uniform items may be worn in school. Jeans, leggings or other non-uniform items are strictly forbidden.

The wearing of sports jerseys under the school uniform is not permitted. Students must wear a plain white coloured tee shirt under their polo tops.

Current Transition Year students are allowed to wear their class top instead of their school jumper.

In the event of extremely cold weather, the principal can allow students to wear jackets to class.

Physical Education Uniform

All students participating in PE class must wear appropriate clothing e.g. a tracksuit and a t- shirt or football jersey.

Students must bring a change of footwear to PE class. They may not take part in class in their school uniform.

Students participating in PE class must tie their shoelaces for Health and Safety reasons.

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Students are expected to adhere to the full school uniform policy as defined in the school journal and above.

The school uniform reflects the sense of belonging to the school community and parity of esteem in which each individual is held.

It must therefore be neat, clean and correctly worn at all times, including going to, within and returning from school.

Tasteful and discreet items of jewellery may be worn. For Health and Safety reasons, large hoop earrings, nose rings/studs, tongue, lip, eyebrow or other body pierced ornaments are not allowed. This list is not exhaustive.

Visible tattoos are not permitted and must be covered up.

Students who contravene the jewellery rules of the school will be asked to remove said jewellery. If they refuse, their parents will be sent for. Covering a piercing with a plaster is not acceptable.

Students are not allowed to remain in school with visible body piercings.

Excessive hair dyeing is not allowed on the grounds of neatness and appropriateness. We advise parents/guardians/students to consult with the school before styling.

Implementation Procedures

All students must present in full uniform every day in order to be admitted to class. In the interests of fairness this rule will be strictly applied.

In exceptional circumstances, where a student arrives at school without a full uniform, they must present a written note of explanation at the office from their parent/guardian before attending class.

The provision of this exceptional rule does not mean that it will be acceptable to repeatedly provide notes for students to arrive in an incomplete uniform as this is deemed to undermine the rationale set down above. In such cases the parent will be contacted to seek a resolution to the problem.

Role of Parent/Guardian

1. Ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform and to support the school in implementing the uniform policy.
2. To properly enforce the uniform policy, the school is dependent on the support of parents and guardians. It is neither possible nor practical for the school to operate exceptions to the policy, though we acknowledge that there may be occasional and genuine reasons why a student may arrive in school not wearing a full uniform.
3. On such occasions, parents/guardians are asked to notify the school in writing. If possible, on one off occasions, the school may lend an item of uniform to the student in question.

Role of Students

1. Students will wear the full school uniform at all times in school and at selected school outings.
2. Students will obey the school management/teachers in regard to school uniform.
3. Students will adhere to the school uniform policy.

Role of Class Teacher

1. Ensure that students are wearing the full uniform in class.
2. Report uniform discrepancies to the class tutor/year head.

Role of Year Head

The Year Head will implement the policy on breach of uniform rules. In the event that a student comes to school without full uniform, the following procedures will apply:

1. The school will make a reasonable effort to contact the student's parents or guardians.
2. If necessary, Parents/Guardians will be asked to come into the school with the correct uniform.
3. If necessary, students may not be allowed to attend class until their parents/guardian have been contacted.

Role of the Deputy Principal/ Principal

1. Implement the school's policy on uniform rules.
2. Meet with students who are persistently in breach of uniform rules.
3. Send a letter to parents/guardians where necessary.
4. Meet with parents of students who are persistently in breach of uniform rules

Acceptable Footwear



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