

Student Dress Code

Introduction:

Currently School of the Holy Spirit has no school uniform. The Board of Management appreciates that, through their chosen attire students may express their individuality and confidence. However, we request that all Parents/Guardians ensure that the clothing their child/children wear complies with the guidelines laid out in this policy.

Aims:

- To ensure that all items of clothing /accessories are safe in the school environment and for specific subjects and activities.
- To ensure that accessories are neither a distraction from learning and teaching or a safety risk to the student or their peers.

Policy:

Students are permitted to wear clothes that suit their own personality, tastes and preferences, provided they fall within the terms of this policy. This policy applies to all students in the school regardless of age, gender, religious or cultural background.

We request that the following items are not worn in school:

- Clothes or shoes which could cause a student to trip in the playground or during an activity e.g. Flip flops, long skirts
- Clothes which allow underwear to be visible
- Shorts should be an appropriate length if worn without tights
- High heeled shoes, shoes with studs or shoes with broken soles.
- Long, dangling jewellery such as earrings, necklaces.
- Big rings which could cause harm or injury

- Watches with internet/phone access.
- No articles of clothing bearing slogans which could cause offence to other members of the school community should be worn e.g. Slogans with profanities or adult content.
- Students are advised to tie long hair back to prevent the spread of head lice and to help keep hair out of their eyes.
- Sprays i.e. hairspray, body spray etc. should not be brought to school or to the swimming pool. These are unsafe when inhaled by students or adults with certain medical conditions.
- Students require warm coats in winter or on cold days so they will be able to play outside.
- During periods of hot weather, sun protection should be applied before coming to school. A sun hat is also strongly advised as clothing is an excellent barrier to UV rays.
- We are cognisant of our student age range from 4 years to 18 years and to that end we advocate for appropriate and unrevealing clothing during warm weather.
- Parents/Guardians ensure that as far as possible, their child wears clothes that they can manage themselves. Where there are barriers to independence, the teacher will work with parents/guardians to put supports in place.
- Parents/Guardians ensure that for P.E and other activities e.g. Active School Week, swimming, sports workshops, their child has appropriate clothes that allow for free movement and are comfortable. Teacher will advise in advance for these days. A change of clothes is advised for P.E days for senior students.
- Teachers will work closely with both students and parents/guardians, when needed, to support them in implementing the dress code. Teachers will use SPHE lessons to reinforce and discuss the Dress Code as appropriate.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The following have particular responsibilities for aspects of the policy outlined in the document:

- The Board of Management
- The Principal
- Parents/Guardians
- Students

- Teachers

Ratification, Implementation and Communication:

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on _____ implemented on _____ and communicated to parents/guardians on _____ via the school website.

Review Date:

This policy will be reviewed in 2026, unless otherwise deemed necessary.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Chairman , Board of Management

Signed : _____ **Date:** _____

Principal