



ST LOUIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'We work together, we pray together, we grow together'

School Uniform Policy

We are proud of the school uniform we have at St Louis and it has its basis in the origins of the school. For example the winter uniform worn by the girls is the same original Hunting Steward tartan pattern which was worn by the girls when the school was founded in 1945. Each symbol on our school badge (the St Louis coat of arms) has a story to tell. The gold sword in the middle with thorns around it reminds us that our patron Saint, King Louis IX of France, fought in the crusades. The Sisters of St Louis were founded in France and that is why the French symbol, the Fleur de Lys, is in the lower right hand corner. In 1859 some Sisters came from France to Monaghan, a town in Ireland, and in the left hand corner the tower of Monahan can be seen. Finally the chain represents our motto and symbolises how Christians are closely bound in God's love, each working for the good of all.

By including these elements in our uniform, we remember the foundations of our school.

Reasons for having a uniform at St Louis include:

- promoting the ethos of our school
- providing a sense of belonging and identity
- setting an appropriate tone for education

By creating a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background, a school uniform can act as a social leveller. It can reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes.

We recognise that parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school to apply for. We have reviewed our uniform requirements to ensure we do not require unnecessary branded items whilst retaining the history and sense of pride in our distinctive uniform.

By choosing to send your child to our school you are agreeing to our policy on school uniform and you should ensure that your child is wearing the correct St Louis uniform (**as per the table on p3**).

Jewellery:

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. This includes pieces considered to be of religious significance. The exceptions to this rule is plain ear studs in pierced ears, or a watch when your child is able to tell the time (no smart watches are permitted).

If a child wears any earrings, apart from studs, they will be asked to remove them. Staff cannot remove earrings for children. Please think carefully about this if your child asks to have their ears pierced. The school cannot accept responsibility for any jewellery that may be lost.

Footwear:

All children should wear black, low-heeled, shoes in school, which may not resemble trainers in their styling. Open toe sandals, trainers (except PE days), boots and heels are not permitted.

If boots are worn to school, then children must change into their school shoes upon arrival.

School bags:

Reception/ KS1 must use a book bag with the school logo (we do not have space to store backpacks in Reception/KS1 and you will be asked to take the backpack home with you if your child does bring one to the classroom).

KS2 may bring a small back pack if required. Please note that lunch bags are stored separately, so bags do not need to be big enough to hold these. Water bottles are also stored separately once in school. Storage space is limited, so smaller bags are preferable. Children can continue to use book bags if you prefer.

Water Bottles:

Children may bring a standard water bottle containing just water, with no flavoured filters. This must not be larger than 500ml as we do not have the space to store larger than this. Bottles can be refilled during the day.

Hair:

On health and safety grounds, shoulder length hair and longer should be tied back neatly, in the school colours (green, yellow or red only). Simple Alice bands may be worn in school colours (green, yellow or red only). Large hair rosettes and bows are not to be worn.

Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions: these include dyed, streaked hair or coloured weaves, close shaved hair, including under a top layer of longer hair (undercut), and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair.

Children's hair length should be no shorter than a number 2.

The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling produces is not allowed.

If we feel a hairstyle is unsuitable, we will ask for this to be rectified.

Make up/nails:

Make up is not permitted.

Nails are to be kept short and nail varnish is not permitted.

Tattoos

Tattoos, real or temporary, are not permitted.

The role of parents:

All parents and guardians who send their children to our school are expected to support the School Uniform Policy and to ensure their child wears the school uniform and that it is clean, neat, in good repair and labelled with the child's name.

Requests to vary the school uniform, to meet the needs of individual pupils (eg for medical or religious reasons) will be carefully considered and parents should speak to the Headteacher in confidence.

If the uniform policy is not correctly observed, the class teacher will speak to the parent. If the situation is not rectified, a letter will be sent home to remind parents. Further occurrences will lead to a meeting with a senior member of staff, so that the issue can be resolved.

Where to purchase the uniform:

You can purchase our uniform from PL School Wear in Aylesbury by visiting their shop at: Unit 56, Edison Road, Rabans Lane Industrial Estate, Aylesbury, HP19 8TE or you can order online at: www.plschoolwear.co.uk

Items such as grey trousers, white shirts, green and white summer dresses and black PE shorts are available from most stockists of school uniform e.g. Tesco, Marks and Spencer etc.

Second-hand uniforms:

Our school also organises the sale of second hand uniform at very reasonable prices and are pleased to receive any good quality clothes your child outgrows. You are also able to contact the school office to see if an item is available as required throughout the year.

Financial support available:

If you need financial support for the purchase of school uniform then please contact Mrs Belliny in the school office. All enquiries are treated in a confidential and respectful way.

Pupils entitled to Pupil Premium funding received a voucher towards the cost of uniform. Please speak to the school office if you feel you may qualify for this funding.

Uniform is as follows:

	Girls	Boys
Winter uniform	Kilt (Hunting Stewart Tartan)	Grey full length trousers
	Yellow shirt and school tie	White shirt and school tie
	Green cardigan or V-neck jumper with St Louis crest	Green V-neck jumper with St Louis crest
	White, bottle green or black socks (short or knee length) Bottle green or black wool tights	Black or grey socks
Summer uniform	Green and white striped or checked dress.	Green polo shirt with St Louis crest Grey trousers or shorts
Outdoor	Plain, dark coloured coat Plain dark green baseball cap/ Kepi hat with or without the school crest Plain dark coloured hat/ scarf/ gloves in winter	
Bags	Reception/ KS1 Green book bag with school crest KS2 Small backpack or green book bag with school crest	
Shoes	All children should wear black, low-heeled, shoes in school, which may not resemble trainers in their styling. Open toe sandals, trainers (except PE days), boots and heels are not permitted. If boots are worn to school, then children must change into their school shoes upon arrival.	
	GIRLS AND BOYS	
PE Kit	All year groups	Yellow school T-shirt with St Louis crest Plain black loose fitting shorts (cycling shorts are not permitted) Plain black or white trainers
	In addition: Years 4, 5 & 6 in winter time	Plain black Tracksuit bottoms (no logos)* and black mistral jacket/tracksuit top *must be appropriate for a PE lesson

Children are allowed to wear summer uniform from Easter until October half term. For girls this means a green and white striped or checked dress. If you prefer, children can wear winter uniform all year round.

If you are at all unsure of our uniform please contact the School Office who will be happy to help.