

Uniform Policy

GOSPEL VALUES

At St John the Baptist Primary School we strive to promote the Gospel values of: fairness, equal rights, respect for differences, dignity, responsibility, knowledge of self, others & the environment, trust, faith, hope and love.

IMPLEMENTATION

At St John's we are very proud of our school uniform and we expect that it is correctly worn at all times.

COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS

- A uniform can create a sense of pride and belonging, identity and purpose among students.
- St John's uniform is non-discriminatory. It does not distinguish. It is not an expression of a family's economic circumstances.
- A uniform is an investment for parents. Although there is an initial cost, a uniform clearly reduces the expense of other clothes that parents would have to buy.
- A school uniform avoids the need of children deciding what is appropriate or fashionable, thus turning the classroom into daily fashion parade.
- A uniform is an expression of unity. It reflects a sense of order and discipline both within the school and wider local community.
- A distinct school uniform presents a united image to the public and is easily identifiable in the community.
- Visitors within the school are easily identified by teachers on yard duty.

All students are required to wear the prescribed uniform correctly during school hours and whilst travelling to and from school. All school uniform items should be clearly labelled.

There will be times when children are unable to wear the prescribed uniform. A signed note from home is all that is required.

All uniform items are to be purchased from the school uniform shop, thus ensuring correct colour tones are maintained throughout the school.

It is expected that parents, along with teachers, will ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform. When children fail to bring a note, a proforma note will be sent home.

Jewellery/Make up

Students are not permitted to wear visible make-up (e.g. lipstick, nail polish, etc.) or jewellery other than plain sleepers or studs for pierced ears. Only one sleeper or stud per ear is permitted. Wrist watches are not considered fashion items; however, the school takes no responsibility for lost or broken items.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles should be neat and conventional. Hair should be kept clean. Extremes should be avoided, e.g. Mohawk, pattern shaving, unnatural colouring, etc. Long hair should be tied up using a hair tie or ribbon in school colours (available from the uniform shop).

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's five year review cycle or as required.

Ratification

This policy was last ratified by the St John the Baptist Primary School Board in November 2014