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Dear Parents/Carers,

School uniform expectations

It continues to be noted that some pupils are not arriving at school in the correct or full school uniform. I have previously raised this with parents and carers and this led to some improvements – we are grateful for this parental support where this has been possible. We have allowed flexibilities in the school uniform across this year, in recognition of the problems that the pandemic has caused for parents/carers, including difficulties in purchasing items due to the closure of non-essential shops and financial worries for some families.

However, we are now sending out a reminder to all parents/carers of our school uniform expectations, to give extended notice before the new academic year, and to allow parents/carers to purchase the appropriate clothing/footwear in preparation for September 2021.

Please find attached a copy of the governor-approved school uniform expectations for Sacred Heart School and Nursery, so that correct uniform items can be in place for all pupils from September.

Please also see below some important and particular reminders:

- Pupils are to wear **grey** trousers, shorts, skirts (a-line or pleated) and pinafore dresses as part of the winter uniform. *From Year 1 upwards, no jersey items should be worn to replace these items - such as tracksuit bottoms/jersey shorts/ or similar (even if grey).*
- Only black school shoes are to be worn to school/nursery. *No trainers (even if black). Black ankle boots are not part of our approved uniform list and, as such, should not be worn. If boots are worn to school on wet/snowy days, pupils should bring their school shoes to change into for the school day.*
- Full school PE kits, in line with our uniform expectations, should be provided to pupils. *Alternative/branded sports kits should not be used as a substitute.*



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- No makeup, in particular nail varnish, to be worn.
- No jewellery to be worn, with the exception of an analogue watch. *No smart watches are to be worn, as a safeguarding measure. **MOST IMPORTANTLY - earrings are not permitted under any circumstances. This is non-negotiable because of the associated health and safety risks to children.***

In your preparations for the new school year, please also note our expectations in relation to hairstyles:

- Children's hair should avoid extremes in style and be kept clean and tidy.
- No extreme hairstyle please - including shapes/patterns shaved into hair, 'tramlines', Mohican cuts, and dyed hair.
- Any hair that is shoulder length or longer, or of a length that restricts vision, should be tied back, for reasons of health and safety.
- Hair bands, hair clips, ties, bobbles etc. should be minimal and appropriate for school, and preferably in the school colours. *No elaborate bows.*

Please note some other useful general reminders:

- FOR ART: To avoid spoiling school uniform, children in Years 1 – 6 should be provided with an apron or old shirt to use when necessary.
- Please also note that: All clothing should be labelled or marked with your child's name to avoid being lost.

We hope that this information regarding our school uniform expectations offers a useful and timely reminder to parents/carers. We are giving this extended notice to parents/carers, before the summer holidays, which should assure that all pupils are fully compliant with the school's uniform expectations, including PE kits, from the beginning of the new academic year. Parents/carers are advised of our uniform expectations at the point of admission into the school/nursery and the school's expectation that these are adhered to. From September, in the case of pupils not adhering to a full school uniform, parents/carers will receive notice that they have sent their child to school incorrectly dressed and advised on the actions that are necessary to rectify this.



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A uniform fosters a pride in the school and a sense of belonging to a community. All children are expected to wear the correct school uniform, which is a positive way of helping children feel part of our school community. We look forward to your support of this important aspect of our school, helping the children to take pride in belonging to Sacred Heart School, and the part our school uniform plays in this.

Yours sincerely,

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