



# St Joseph's Roman Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our rules on uniform and appearance have evolved over time and are influenced by the feedback we get from families who set high standards at home and like to see these being reinforced at school. They want their children to go to school dressed in an appropriate way and they support our emphasis on respect for the dignity of young people. In turn, we value the strong backing we get from home over uniform matters.

We stress to children that being kind, friendly and considerate is more important than any external impression we make through our clothes and appearance. Nevertheless, any employer or recruitment officer will give young people the same message: How you dress and present yourself really matters! That is why good schools prepare pupils for adult life by insisting on high standards in appearance.

We are reminding pupils of our expectations and will be having a focus on standards of behaviour and uniform in school from Monday 28 January. A full list of our rules can be found on the school website under the Policies section and on the school's Facebook page, but some of the key points are listed below.

- Hoodies should not be worn in school. During the cold weather, a school coat worn over the correct uniform should be sufficient protection against the elements.
- Skirts should be worn at the correct length and not rolled up.
- Hair should be one natural colour.
- Jewellery should not be worn at school. This will be confiscated and can be collected by pupils at the end of the school day.
- Make-up is not appropriate for school and make-up wipes will be issued to pupils. Nail varnish and false nails are not allowed in school.
- Pupils should come prepared to learn, with the correct books and equipment carried in an appropriate school bag. Essential items, including black and purple pens can be bought from the Epraise shop.
- Pupils are not allowed to use mobile phones unsupervised within school. Misuse will lead to confiscation with the phone being collected by the pupil at the end of the school day and a sanction issued.
- Respect for all members of our school community is essential. Pupils who are disrespectful to school staff or disrupt other pupils' learning will face more serious consequences.



We want all of our pupils to be part of a caring environment that supports them in making maximum progress in their subjects. To achieve this, we must insist on the highest standards of behaviour and appearance, promoting excellence in all areas of their education and life. This is what leads to successful outcomes.

Yours sincerely

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