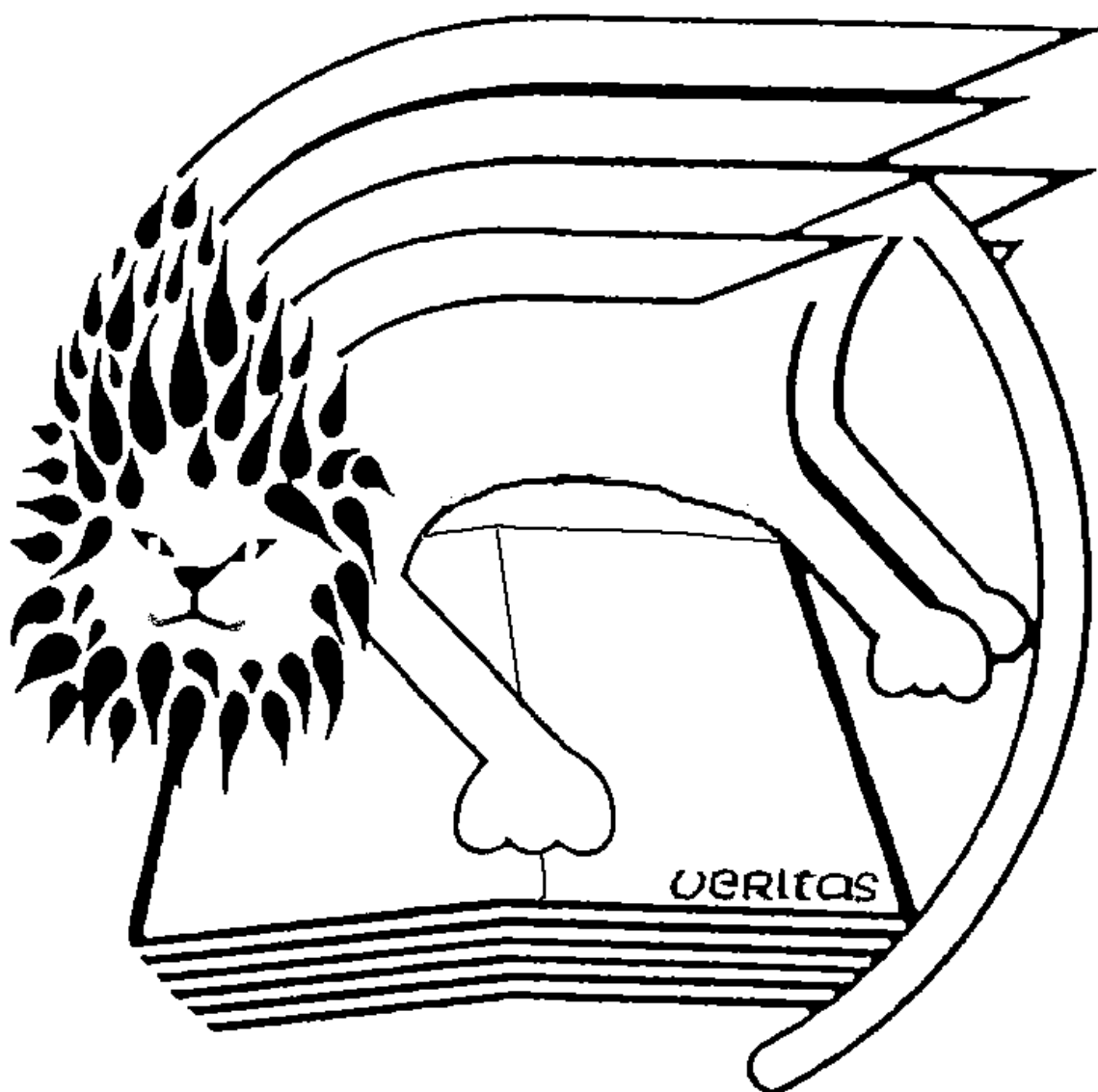


ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Uniform & Appearance
2021/2022

This booklet is designed to enable parents to have a clear idea of the expectations we have of all our pupils. St Mark's has very high standards of dress and is a "strict" uniform school and we are very grateful for the support from parents. In order to clarify any queries you may have the examples in this booklet should ensure that parents are aware of what is acceptable and what is not. Please ensure that you read it before purchasing any new uniform items. Pupils will not be allowed to wear non-uniform items even if they have just been bought. We will put in detention, internally exclude and exclude for a fixed term pupils who persist in not wearing their uniform properly.

If you are unsure about any uniform purchase please contact the school and refer the matter to the appropriate PPL. The school will make the final decision as to what is acceptable or not according to our policy.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please take particular note of the following comments about non-uniform items that have given us most concern in the past year.

<u>Type of Uniform</u>	<u>Correct</u>	<u>Incorrect NOT Acceptable</u>
Shoes	Plain Black leather Heels – less than 2 inches (5cm)	Suede Canvas Coloured trim/laces Resembling trainers Boots (including Kickers)
Tights	Plain Navy blue or black Matt and opaque	Patterns Sheer
Socks	Plain black Plain navy Dark grey	Bright colours Patterns Stripes etc Trainer socks
Girls' skirts	Trim to be visible Knee length (Only available from School Bells)	Rolled over at waist Unfastened Above the knee
Boys' Trousers	Black (Belt to be black if worn) Sitting on waist	Jeans Faded brushed denim Skinny fit or tapered
Shirts	Blue formal shirt Tucked in at all times Top button done up at all times	Untucked Folded up Tied
Blazers	Navy blue with school badge Must be worn on way to and from school and throughout the school day	Black Royal blue Sleeves rolled up

<u>Type of Uniform</u>	<u>Correct</u>	<u>Incorrect NOT Acceptable</u>
Pullovers/fleeces	School pullover with school trim (from School Bells)	Cardigans Fleeces (either underneath or over blazer)
School ties	Clip on in house colour covering top button of school shirt (available from School Bells)	Frayed or house colours picked out
Scarves/hats	School scarf and hats only available from School Bells	Any other scarves/hats
Coats	Plain navy blue or black Long enough to cover school blazer	Leather, suede Large logos Casual bomber style Harrington style jacket
Jewellery	Girls earrings - Single plain pair of gold or silver studs (one in each earlobe) Both Boys and Girls - a wristwatch	Earrings coloured or sparkly Hoops Dangly Piercing in top of ear/nose Retainers Bracelets Any other jewellery
Make up	None - Year 7 and 8 Minimal - Year 9, 10 & 11	

PE Kit	<p>All items are available from School Bells and have the school badge embroidered on them.</p> <p>Compulsory items: Blue collared polo shirts, shorts and socks (all logoed)</p> <p>Optional items: Long sleeved logoed quarter zip top and tracksuit bottoms with logo</p>	Any other sports clothing
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ALL UNIFORM AND P.E. KIT SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE PUPIL'S NAME. A large number of lost uniform items go unclaimed each year.

School Bells

<https://www.schoolbellsuniforms.co.uk/>

School Bells,
48 Bell Road,
Hounslow,
TW3 3PB.

0208 577 6656

Hair

Hair **must not** be cut below a level 3 and must not be excessively long for boys. Boys are not allowed topknots.

Natural hair colours only are allowed.

Hair **should not** be shaved into a style including a pattern or on one side of the head. Hair **must not** be cut short at the sides and left long on top. The Director of Pastoral Care will make the final decision.

If hair is braided in corn rows it must be worn tied back securely with a plain band

Eyebrows must not be shaved into – with a pattern or stripe(s).

Hair bands should be dark in colour and small. Scarf style bands, flower clips, large slides and coloured clips are not allowed.

It is the school's expectation that boys are clean shaven (no facial hair) in years 7 to 11

Facial Piercings

The only piercings allowed are in the earlobe. One small discrete ear stud is allowed in each ear.

No other facial piercings are allowed. This includes tongue piercing or earrings in the ear other than in the ear lobe.

Retainers to hold open ear piercings are not allowed.

The wearing of a sticking plaster to cover over a recent piercing is not acceptable. If a pupil has difficulty removing any such piercing this could result in exclusion from school until such time as he/she conforms to school rules.

Nail Varnish

The wearing of nail varnish, false nails or nail jewellery is not allowed.

Nail varnish remover is provided in the Medical Room. However repeat offenders will be asked to pay to cover costs. Pupils will be required to remove false nails overnight.

Shirts

It is essential that the size of the collar of the school shirt fits well and is large enough to allow the top button to be done up.

The shirt should be long enough to be tucked in.

Pupils may not wear a coloured T-shirt or any other top under the school shirt. If seen the pupil will be asked to remove it.

Ties

The clip on tie is the only acceptable tie. Pupils are expected to wear the correct house colour.

Tights

Girls' tights must not be footless and must not be worn with socks under. Navy blue or black tights only are allowed but leggings are not permitted. Tights should be matt or opaque but not sheer.

Socks

Plain socks in black, grey or navy blue are the only ones which are acceptable for boys.

Shoes

The following are examples of appropriate footwear:



Examples of footwear which are **NOT** acceptable



No plimsoll, trainer or Vans style shoe is acceptable footwear for school. If a shop advertises a shoe as a “school shoe” this may still not be compatible with the uniform policy. If a pupil arrives at school, even with a note, he/she may be sent home or put into isolation in order to resolve the issue. The school will always attempt to support parents where necessary.

The following are FAQs:

- What if the pupil has a medical condition or a Doctor/medical practitioner advises him/her to wear trainers?

A doctor's letter must be provided and the PPL and Welfare should be informed by letter/'phone

- What if the shoes are still wet from the rain the previous day?

Shoes should be left on a radiator to dry overnight

- What if shoes are broken, lost, left at another house, left on the bus, left behind after a sports fixture, left in a locker, left in the car, taken home in a friend's bag and left at home?

Shoes can be purchased at most large supermarkets usually from 8am until 10pm. The school will send a child to purchase another pair of inexpensive shoes if necessary. Parents will be contacted in all instances to enable them to rectify the problem as quickly as possible.

The guidance from the Department for Education allows for "the Head teacher to ask a student to go home to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform. If the student repeatedly infringes the school rules on uniform or appearance this may constitute a disciplinary offence and may be grounds for exclusion."

Final decisions on school uniform infringements will be made by Ms O'Connell, Director of Pastoral Care / Assistant Headteacher.