



Uniform Policy
2026/27

St Louis Grammar School

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Principal

1. Rationale

As representatives of St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena, pupils are expected to maintain high standards of uniform throughout the academic year. Care and neatness in dress lead to neatness in classwork and in homework. We would therefore ask for parents' co-operation and support in ensuring that a high standard of dress and appearance is maintained at St Louis Grammar School. This policy is ratified by the Board of Governors and implemented by the pupils and staff of the school.

At St Louis Grammar School, our uniform promotes:

- A sense of pride and belonging
- High standards and readiness for learning
- Self-discipline and a sense of responsibility
- Value for money for parents/guardians
- Equality among pupils

2. Key Principles

Affordability and Accessibility

Our uniform has been designed to be accessible to all families. We provide information on a range of uniform suppliers as well as a range of purchasing options including our SLG Uniform Bank.

Equality and Inclusion

Our Uniform Policy ensures that adjustments can be made for pupils with disabilities or Special Educational Needs (SEN). Our SLG Uniform Exchange Shop ensures that no pupil is disadvantaged due to affordability issues.

Comfort and Practicality

Our uniform ensures that students are comfortable in all weather conditions and for different activities throughout the school day.

Transparency and Consultation

Our Uniform Policy has been developed in consultation with pupils, staff, parents/guardians and governors. Information on uniform costs and suppliers are included within this policy.

Safeguard Participation and Wellbeing

The cost of our uniform and the number of branded items has been adjusted to ensure that our uniform does not deter pupils from applying to a school or participating in school activities.

St Louis Regulation Uniform - Boys Uniform

Compulsory Items

- Black blazer with crest (branded)
- Pale blue school shirt (non-branded)
- School tie (branded)
- Plain grey V-neck jumper (non-branded)
- Black trousers - no cords or jeans (non-branded)
- Black socks (non-branded)
- Black shoes. **Strictly no trainers** (non-branded)

Optional Items

- Outdoor black waterproof coat - no other colours (non-branded)
- School scarf (branded)

PE Uniform

- St Louis PE shorts
- St Louis PE top
- St Louis PE socks or white ankle socks
- Trainers (laced, non-marking soles)

Everything brought to school should be marked with OWNER'S NAME, preferably with woven marks.

School PE uniform must be worn during all PE classes.

*Please see Appendix A for price list

St Louis Regulation Uniform - Girls Uniform

Compulsory Items

- Navy blazer with braid and crest (branded)
- Pale blue revere blouse (non-branded) (junior girls)
- Pale blue striped revere blouse (non-branded) (senior girls)
- Navy V-neck jumper (non-branded)
- Below knee length navy skirt with kick pleats **or** black trousers - no cords or jeans (non-branded)
- Navy opaque tights/blue socks
- Black shoes. Strictly no trainers (non-branded)

Optional Items

- School scarf
- Outdoor black waterproof coat - no other colours (non-branded)

PE Uniform

- St Louis PE shorts or skort
- St Louis PE top
- St Louis PE socks or white ankle socks
- Trainers (laced, non-marking soles)

Everything brought to school should be marked with OWNER'S NAME, preferably with woven marks.

School PE uniform must be worn during all PE classes.

*Please see Appendix B for price list

Extra-Curricular Sport

Students who engage in extra-curricular sport at school must wear School Regulation PE Uniform. Students who are selected to represent the school on teams will be provided with St Louis school owned kits and must wear these only.

St Louis Grammar School – Uniform and Appearance Guideline

Students must wear the full St Louis Grammar School uniform in school, when travelling to and from school, and at all school events, unless otherwise authorised by the Principal.

All uniform items should be clearly labelled with the student's name. Lost items can be checked in the school's Lost Property.

A **blazer** must be worn at all times when travelling to and from school.

Hairstyles: Hair must be neat and tidy. Extreme styles or colours are not permitted.

Jewellery: Jewellery should be minimal and discreet. (No multiple piercings) Facial piercings (e.g. nose or eyebrow rings) are not permitted.

Make-up: Pupils are discouraged from wearing make-up. Where worn, it must be subtle.

Shoe heels must not exceed 3 cm, and only black laces are permitted.

Black denim-style jeans are not permitted. Belts, if worn, must be plain black.

Any non-compliant clothing or jewellery may be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

A note from a parent or guardian is required if a student is unable to wear full school uniform.

St Louis Grammar School reserves the right to issue further guidance where fashion trends negatively affect standards of appearance

Reasonable Adjustments

St Louis Grammar School adopts a child-centred approach and will make reasonable adjustments where required. This may include:

- Adaptations for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities
- Flexibility for pupils with medical or sensory needs
- Consideration of temporary circumstances impacting compliance

All adjustments will be managed in partnership with parents/guardians and with due regard to confidentiality.

Inclement Weather

In inclement weather, a plain black coat may be worn whilst travelling to and from school and then removed on entering the school building. Students are encouraged to wear additional layers under their school shirt/blouse. **Hoodies are not permitted.**

High Visibility Items and/or Reflective Panels

School uniforms are often quite dark, which can be dangerous for pupils on rural roads when travelling to and from school. Parents/Guardians are therefore encouraged to ensure their children wear high-visibility clothing and/or have reflective panels on their schoolbags when commuting to and from St Louis.

Uniform Suppliers

The suppliers for St Louis Grammar School uniform include the following:

- Wallace, 56 – 60 Church Street, Ballymena BT43 6DF
- Select Kidz, 83 – 85 Church Street, Ballymena BT43 6DG
- PE uniform: <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/education/schools/>
- Local retailers/supermarkets

Uniform Grants

Some families may be entitled to a uniform grant. Information for parents/guardians on school uniforms and how to apply for a uniform grant can be found at Free School Meals / Uniform Grants Education Authority Northern Ireland (eani.org.uk).

SLG Uniform Exchange

To assist families, our Eco Council operate a Uniform Exchange Shop throughout the year. Parents/Guardians are informed of the dates of uniform sales through our school app and items are also available from the SLG Uniform Exchange Shop at any time during the school year. We welcome uniform donations throughout the year. For more information, please contact Mrs McCollum.

Non-Compliance with the Uniform Policy

Where a student fails to comply with the St Louis Uniform Policy, the Pastoral Team will make discreet enquiries and provide support where appropriate. In the absence of a valid reason, sanctions may be applied in accordance with the school's Positive Behaviour Policy.

Monitoring and Review

The Assistant Principal with responsibility for school uniform will review this Uniform Policy every three years in consultation with the Student Council, parents/guardians and staff.

How to Raise a Concern or Make a Complaint about the Administration of this Policy

If you have any concerns or complaints regarding the administration of this policy, you should contact Mr Morgan, Assistant Principal, in the first instance. If necessary, you may then follow the school's Complaints Procedure, which is available on the school's website.

This policy has been developed in consultation with:

- Parents/Guardians
- Pupils
- Staff
- Board of Governors

APPENDIX A

Uniform Item	Price Range	Suppliers
Black blazer with crest (branded)	£49.99 Early Bird Price (£42.49)	Wallace Ballymena Select Kidz Ballymena
Pale blue school shirt (non-branded)	£11.50 Early Bird Price (£9.77) *Cheaper options may be available online/local retailers.	Wallace Ballymena Select Kidz Ballymena Local retailers/Supermarkets
School Tie (Branded)	£9.99	Wallace Ballymena Select Kidz Ballymena
Plain grey V-neck jumper (non-branded)	£29.99 *Cheaper options may be available online/local retailers.	Wallace Ballymena Select Kidz Ballymena Local retailers/Supermarkets
Black school trousers	£27.00 Early Bird Price £22.95 £12.00 - £25.00	Wallace Ballymena Select Kidz Ballymena Local retailers/Supermarkets
Black Socks	£3.00 - £10.00	Local retailers/Supermarkets
Black shoes	£10.00 - £40.00	Local retailers/Supermarkets

Uniform Item (sponsor branded)	Price Range	Suppliers
St Louis PE shorts	£20/£24	www.oneills.com
St Louis PE top	£27/£32	www.oneills.com
St Louis PE socks or white ankle socks	£8/10 St Louis £7/8.50 white	www.oneills.com
Pack price	£41/£51.00	www.oneills.com
Trainers (laced, non-marking soles)		

Uniform Item (unbranded)	Price Range	Suppliers
St Louis PE shorts	N/A	www.oneills.com
St Louis PE top	N/A	www.oneills.com
St Louis PE socks or white ankle socks	N/A	www.oneills.com
Pack price	£29.99	www.oneills.com
Trainers (laced, non-marking soles)		

APPENDIX B

Uniform Item	Price Range	Suppliers
Navy blazer with braid and crest (branded)	£59.99 Early Bird Price (£50.99)	Wallace Ballymena Select Kidz Ballymena
Pale blue reverse blouse (non-branded) (junior girls) Pale blue striped reverse blouse (non-branded) (senior girls)	Junior £11.50/Senior £16.50 Early Bird Price from (£9.77)/(£14.02) *Cheaper options may be available online/local retailers.	Wallace Ballymena Select Kidz Ballymena Local retailers/Supermarkets
Navy V-neck jumper (non-branded)	£10.00 - £20.00	Local retailers/Supermarkets
Below knee length navy skirt with kick pleats or Black school trousers	£28.00 Early Bird Price £23.80 £12.00 - £25.00	Wallace Ballymena Select Kidz Ballymena Local retailers/Supermarkets
Navy opaque tights/blue socks	£3.00 - £10.00	Local retailers/Supermarkets
Black shoes	£10.00 - £40.00	Local retailers/Supermarkets

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