St Paul's Policy on Uniform, Hairstyles & Jewellery

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Introduction

At St Paul's we believe that it is important for children to learn about different dress codes which are often required when they grow up. Adults dress differently for different occasions eg for special celebrations such as weddings, for work where they may be needed to wear smart or safe clothing, and for being at home. Different clubs and sporting activities require different uniforms and clothing. We feel that children need to learn to respect an organisation's protocols, including those of school.
It's also crucial that children are safe. The school day involves a lot of playing out, running around, and also PE lessons, so clothing, footwear, hair and jewellery need to appropriate and safe to avoid accidents.

Uniform

Uniform is: purple jumper/ cardigan with St Paul's logo, white polo t-shirt with/without St Paul's logo, black trousers/ skirt/ pinafore/ shorts, black tights or black/white socks, lilac gingham summer dress (optional for warm weather). No hats or head coverings are worn indoors as all children should wear the same uniform in order to promote cohesion although exceptions can be made for religious/ cultural reasons eg Muslim girls who have reached the age of puberty wearing a head covering. If this is the case, parents should contact the headteacher.

School shoes are black and should be flat and suitable for playing out. Trainers should only be worn when required for PE.

PE uniform is: purple t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps (all in a drawstring bag). Some PE activities for older classes may allow trainers. For outdoor P.E, children may wear black joggers or leggings, as well as a plain hoodie, sweatshirt or tracksuit top.

For swimming, girls should wear one piece swimsuits (not bikinis) or tight-fitting modesty swimwear eg leggings. Boys should wear trunks or close fitting swimming shorts. Long hair must be under a swimming hat. All jewellery and watches must be removed. Parents wishing their child to wear goggles must sign a disclaimer.

Hair

We have a policy of no extreme hairstyles. That means no shaved styles, mohicans and that hair must be a natural colour. Long hair must be tied back to avoid headlice and to be safe during PE and playing out. During swimming lessons, all children with long hair must wear a swimming hat.

Jewellery

No jewellery is allowed except a watch (no expensive watches such as Smartwatches or Fitbits please) and one stud earring per ear only. Earrings must be removed on PE days for safety. Parents should consider our jewellery policy before having a child's ears pierced.

Other

No make-up or nail varnish is allowed in school.

Outdoor coat, hats, gloves, scarves / outdoor clothing & bags

Children may wear any coat and other outdoor wear to school as long as it's practical for the weather. Children may bring any bag for PE things, reading books etc providing the bag is not too big and will not take up too much room in our small cloakrooms. However, any bags or outdoor wear should not indicate any partisan/ political views nor have any designs on them which could potentially be upsetting to others or cause disruption in school.

Non-uniform days

There are occasions when school has non-uniform days as part of fund raising activities or celebrations eg Christmas or Eid parties.

Children must not wear clothing or items which indicate any political/ partisan views nor should they wear anything which could be offensive or upsetting to others, or which could cause disruption in school.