



La Sainte Union

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on our school uniform arrangements and to share how we are taking this opportunity to further support families with affordability, sustainability and sensible long-term choices.

At La Sainte Union, we believe strongly in the value of a school uniform. A well-chosen uniform promotes **smartness, equality and readiness for learning**, and helps prepare students for the expectations of further study and the world of work. At the same time, we are very mindful of the **cost pressures on families**, and of the importance of making uniform as **cost-effective and sustainable** as possible.

Uniform, when designed carefully, can be more affordable over time than frequently changing home clothes. Items are durable, long-lasting, easily passed on or purchased second-hand, and reduce the pressure on families and pupils to keep up with fashion trends. For these reasons, we are committed to retaining a clear and smart uniform, while reducing unnecessary expense.

Following a review of our current arrangements, I would like to share the following information with families:

- The **school blazer** and **school kilt** will **remain compulsory branded items**, as they are central to our school identity and are designed to be hard-wearing and used over several years.
- From September, the **V-neck jumper** will change to a **plain green V-neck jumper, unbranded**, which can be purchased from a wide range of retailers, allowing families greater choice and value for money.
- Students who do not wish to wear the kilt have the option of trousers, which are currently **green and branded at Key Stage 3** and **black and unbranded at Key Stage 4**.
- Should it be confirmed that **PE kit is included within limits on branded items**, we will undertake **further consultation** with parents before making any decisions, with careful consideration of cost, durability and ease of replacement.

We are keen to ensure that any changes are introduced **gradually and thoughtfully**, making full use of existing items where possible and avoiding unnecessary replacement costs.

For families who are currently preparing to purchase uniform — particularly those with children joining us in September — we recommend, where possible, **delaying the purchase of additional branded items**, other than those clearly required, until we have communicated final arrangements following consultation.

Please find attached a uniform checklist which clearly explains what the compulsory branded item and what the generic items are.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to ensure that our uniform remains **smart, practical, sustainable and affordable**, while supporting the high standards and positive ethos of our school.

Yours faithfully,

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Uniform Checklist

- **Dark green blazer with LSU School Badge**
- Dark bottle green V-necked jumper (sweatshirts/hoodies are not permitted)
- **La Sainte Union kilt (length must be at the knee or longer)** or Dark bottle green trousers for Y7-Y11 (Y10 & Y11 may wear black trousers)
- White socks or black tights
- Black flat leather shoes (not boots or ankle kicker boots) [no other type/style or material allowed]
- Dark green cagoule *and/or* dark green fleece jacket
- White **V neck** shirt

PE Kit

- **Black LSU polo**
- **Black LSU rain jacket**
- Black joggers or skort or shorts (should be)
- Bottle green PE bag plain

Items in green are compulsory branded items which can be purchased from Stevensons