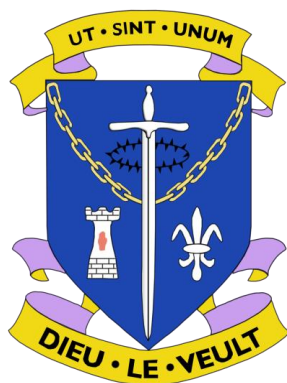


St Louis Grammar School Kilkeel



School Uniform Policy

Date of Policy: June 2026 (Revised)

Reviewed by: Mrs B Cunningham

Ratified by Board of Governors June 2026

Date of Next Review: June 2029

1 Introduction

- 1.1** It is our school policy that all students wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.
- 1.2** In accordance with the School Uniform Guidelines & Allowances Bill 2026, this policy prioritises affordability, gender equity, seasonal comfort, and inclusivity for all students. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1** Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - Promotes a sense of pride, community, and belonging toward the school;
 - Ensures cost-effectiveness and value for money for parents;
 - is practical and smart;
 - identifies the students with the school;
 - Prevents distractions caused by fashion trends in the classroom;
 - Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
 - Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
 - Supports health, safety, and physical comfort across all seasons.

3. Inclusion and Sensory Needs (SEN)

St Louis Grammar School complies fully with relevant human rights and equality legislation.

3.1 Reasonable adjustments to the uniform will be made for pupils with documented Special Educational Needs (SEN) or sensory processing issues. Parents should contact SENCo to arrange individual accommodations.

4 Jewellery, Haircuts and Make-up

4.1 On health and safety grounds, facial jewellery or visible body jewellery is not permitted. Students may wear a single small stud piercing in the lower ear lobe only. Nose/eyebrow piercings are strictly prohibited. Students may wear one small necklace, one small bracelet, and one small ring. Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

4.2 Pupils may not wear makeup to school.

4.3 The school does not permit extreme or outlandish haircuts or unnaturally coloured hairstyles (e.g., pink, bright red, purple, blue).

4.4 Tattoos must not be visible.

The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

5 Footwear & socks/tights

5.1 Students must wear black shoes as stated on the uniform list. Students must not wear trainers or canvas shoes to school; this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Shoes can be purchased quite reasonably from Sports Direct, Dunnes, Tesco as well as established shoe shops such as Clarke's, as well as online.

5.2 Boys are required to wear black socks. If the event of non-compliance, students will be issued with black socks. Costs will be recovered through ParentPay or via Revolut at the school office. Girls are required to wear green tights but are permitted to wear green socks in September, May and June. These can be purchased from any uniform retailer including many high street shops or online.

6 The role of parents

6.1 We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

7 The role of governors

7.1 The Board of Governors supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy such as the findings from parent surveys and pupil focus groups. The Board of Governors liaises with the Principal to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities and the recent School Uniform Guidelines & Allowances Bill.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

8.1 The Board of Governors monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Principal, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Principal to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

9. Core School Uniform Requirements

Girls' Uniform

- **Skirt:** Green school knee-length skirt with inverted pleats. Trousers can be worn if request has been made and agreed by the Principal. Plain, regular-fit black trousers (available from any high-street retailer or supermarket).

Juniors: Green school knee length skirt with inverted pleats (Minimum of 20" long)

Seniors: Green school knee length skirt with inverted pleats (Minimum of 22" long)

- **Blazer:** Junior (Years 8–10): Mauve with school crest. Senior (Years 11–14): Bottle green with school crest. (Now sourced from our value supplier to keep costs affordable).
- **Jumper:** Bottle green V-neck with mauve lines (Optional if wearing the school PE 1/4 zip top).
- **Blouse:** Mauve open-neck blouse.
- **Hosiery:** Green tights
- **Scarf** Green school scarf with school crest (optional)
- **Hair Accessories:** Hair bands/ties should be black, purple, or green.

Boys' Uniform

- **Trousers:** Plain black, regular fit (no skinny or short fits). Belts must be plain black.
- **Shirt:** Junior: Grey. Senior: White. (Generic options from supermarkets/high street are fully permitted).
- **Jumper:** Bottle green V-neck with mauve lines (Optional). Can wear PE Quarter Zip instead.
- **Tie:** Official school clip-on tie (worn from Year 8 through Year 14).
- **Socks:** Plain black socks (no trainer socks permitted for boys).
- **Blazer:** Junior: Grey with school crest. (Now sourced from our value supplier to keep costs affordable).
- Senior: Black with school crest.

Footwear (All Pupils)

- Plain, sturdy black leather school shoes providing support to growing feet.
- Must be completely free of external designs, coloured stitching, or visible branding/logos. Heels must not exceed 3cm.
- Trainers, trainer-style shoes, canvas shoes, and boots are strictly prohibited for daily uniform wear.

Seasonal Adaptations

- **Summer Comfort (May–June):** In periods of warm weather, the wearing of blazers in the classroom is optional during the school day.
- Shorts should not be worn to school, only leggings or tracksuit bottoms.
- **Green tights** but are permitted to wear green socks in September, May and June.
- **Winter Weather:** In cold weather, students are permitted to wear the official school 1/4 zip fleece under their blazer (collars and ties must remain visible).
- **Outdoor Coats:** While an official school coat is available, students are fully permitted to wear **any plain, dark-coloured outdoor winter coat** (navy or black) during inclement weather. Outdoor coats must be removed upon entering classrooms.
- Hoodies and non-uniform items, e.g. branded tracksuit bottoms, are not to be worn in school.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

To ensure affordability, the school utilizes **Playr-Fit** as a value-bundle supplier. However, to guarantee flexibility and protect against order delays, generic items are permitted:

- **Permitted PE Gear:** School football jersey and school shorts/skorts, older discontinued PE tops/quarter-zips
- **Bottoms:** Playr-Fit track bottoms/leggings OR generic, plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings (with no large external branding or non-school logos).
- **In cold weather, students can wear the ¼ zip new school fleece under their blazer. Shirt/Blouse collars and ties must be visible.**
- **Changing Policy:** Junior & Middle School pupils (Years 8–12) may wear their PE uniform into school *only* on days they have PE scheduled.
- **Transition Period:** Students are fully permitted to wear older, discontinued St Louis PE gear for the foreseeable future to support families with older siblings.

All uniform must be clearly labelled with student's name and class.

10. Sourcing, Uniform Pre-Loved Bank, and Financial Support

10.1 Suppliers:

Branded/non-generic uniform items are available from Murphy's (Kilkeel), Holmes' (Kilkeel), and Bingham Menswear (Newcastle). PE gear and branded overcoats can be ordered online via Playr-Fit (link below).

Generic items (boys' shirts, boys'/girls' black trousers, socks, and generic PE bottoms) can be purchased from any high-street retailer or supermarket, such as M&S, Dunnes, Tesco, Asda, as well as online.

<https://playr-fit.com/collections/st-louis-grammar-school-kilkeel-students>

10.2 Pre-Loved Uniform Store: To support sustainability and lower costs, the school operates a year-round pre-loved uniform bank. Donations can be left at the front office. The facility opens every Monday from 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm. Voluntary contributions for items are welcome.

10.3 Financial Hardship: No pupil will ever be penalised or excluded due to uniform issues stemming from affordability or financial hardship. Parents facing difficulties should contact Mr. McGlue or Miss King in total confidence. A School Uniform Grant is available for parents qualifying for Free School Meals via the EA Website.

11. Non – compliance with school uniform

11.1 The School can discipline pupils for breach of uniform policy. Students who do not adhere to the uniform policy will have a note recorded in planner/on Sims highlighting the breach of policy and asking them to remedy the breach. Sanctions such as detentions will be issued for persistent breaches and parents will be invited in to discuss the matter.

However, the school will endeavour to establish the reasons for non-compliance and if parents are in financial difficulty they should contact Mr McGlue and Miss King.

A School Uniform Grant is available to parents who qualify and meet the criteria for Free School Meals. Forms for this can be accessed on the EA Website <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/school-uniform-allowance>.



ST LOUIS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

School shoes 2026 – 2029

**STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE WITH THE WRONG TYPE OF SHOES IN SEPTEMBER
WILL BE ASKED TO REPLACE THEM.**

Male **Permitted** Shoes Examples



Male **Non-Permitted** Shoes Examples



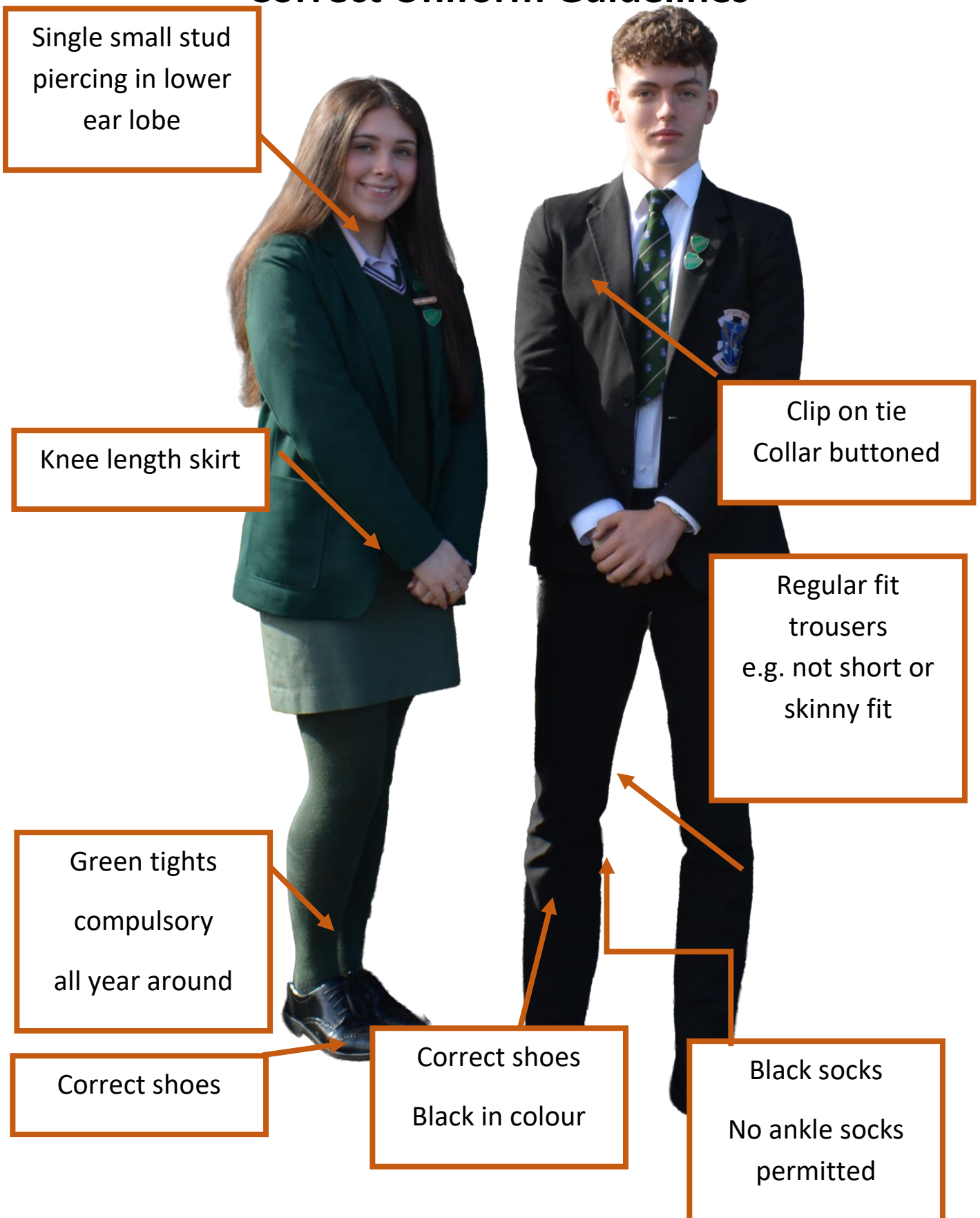
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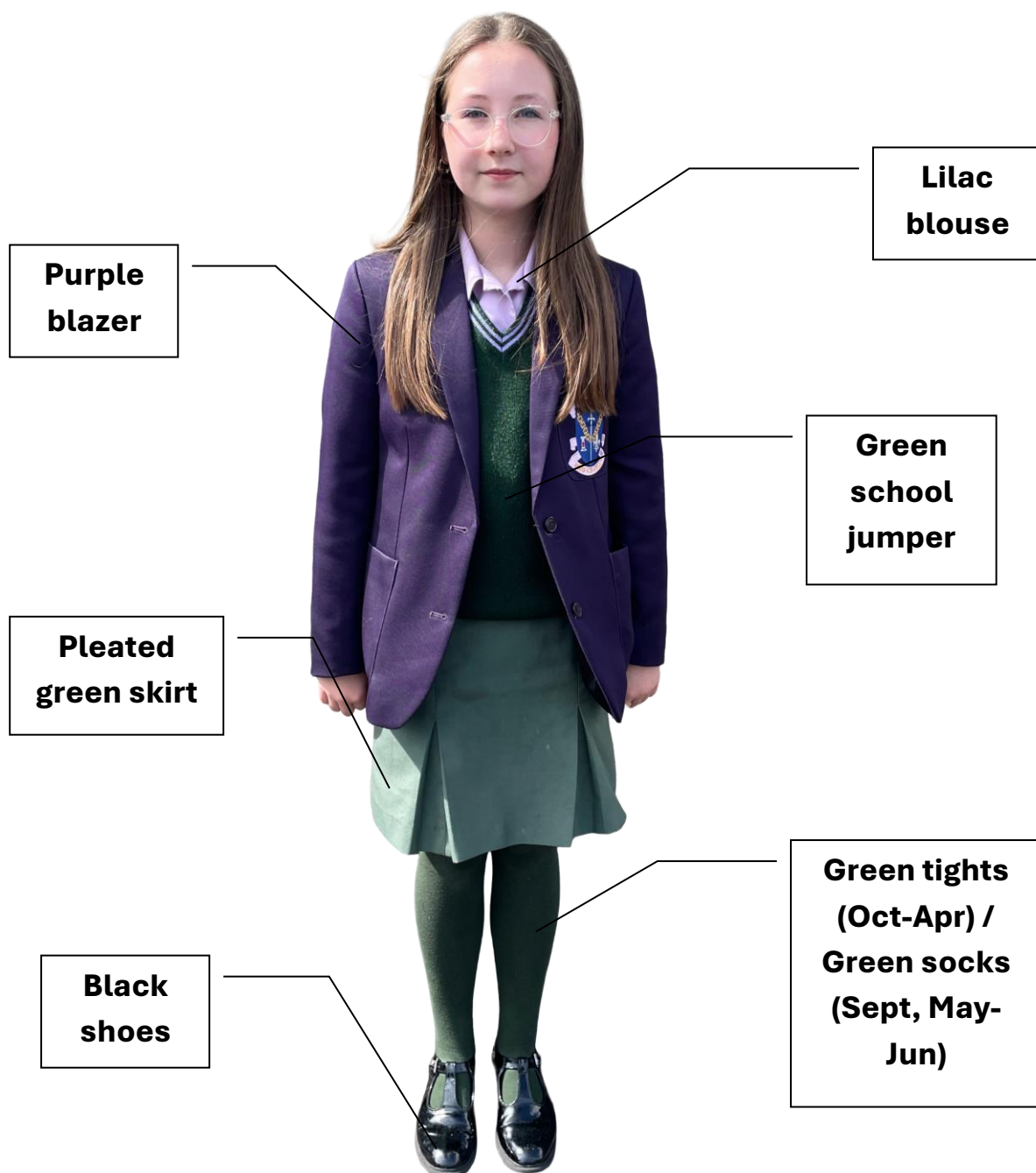
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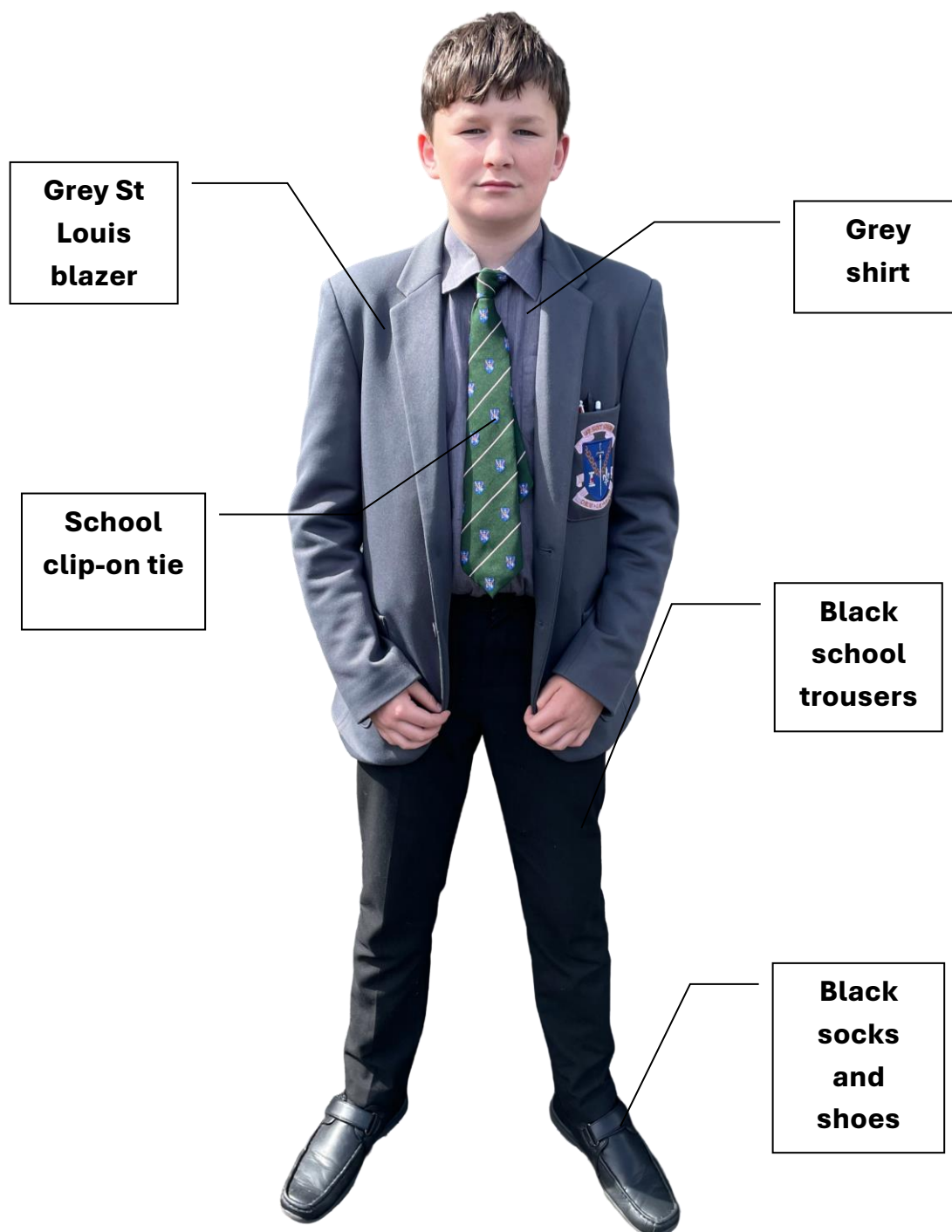
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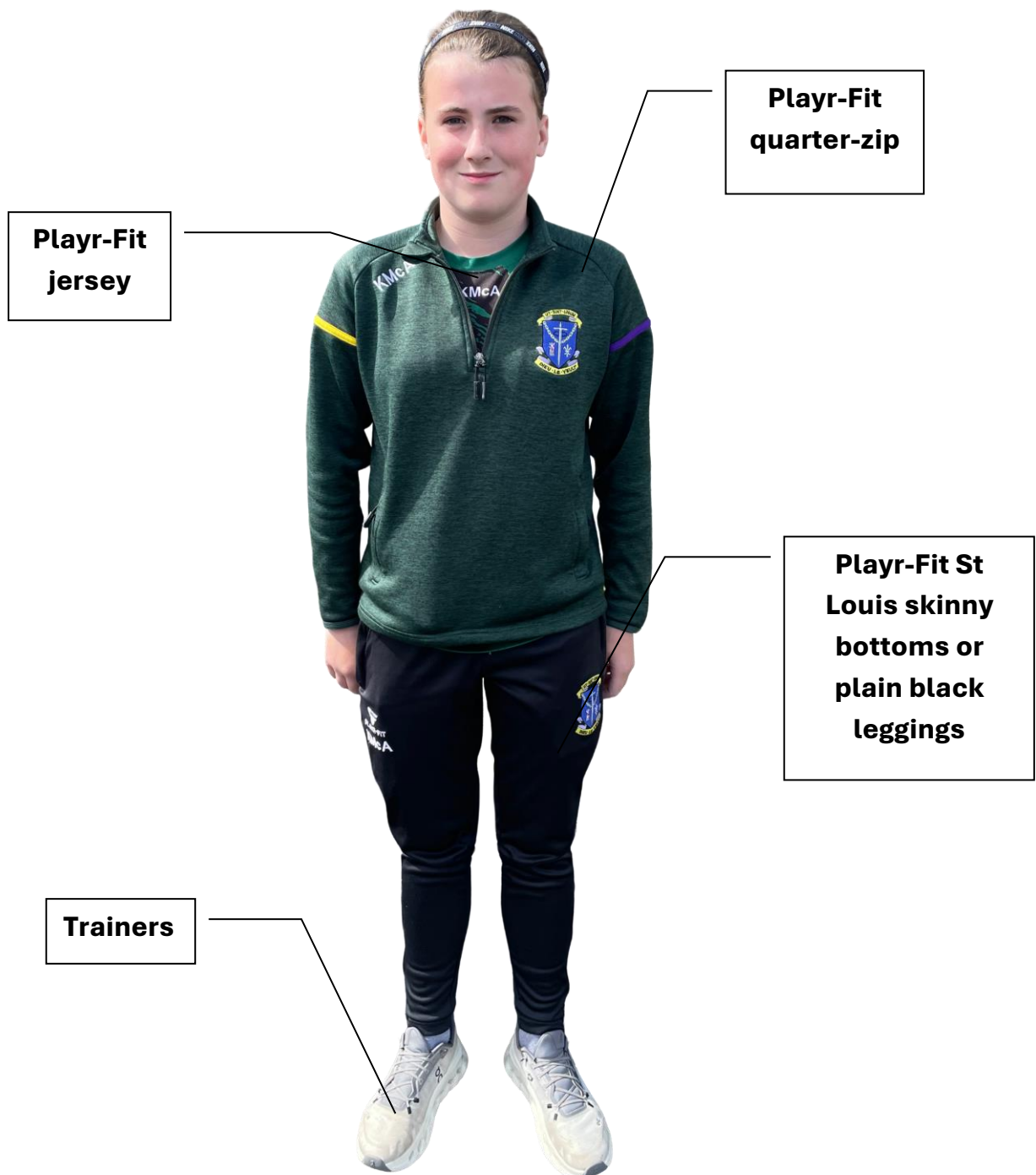
Junior Girls



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Girls P.E. Kit



Boys P.E. Kit

