**School Uniform policy**

The Board of Management of St. Michael’s Primary School expects that every pupil in this school will wear the school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Wearing the full school uniform is seen as a vital element in maintaining an ordered environment in which pupils can learn. Proper attention to and respect for the school uniform reinforces the school ethos and our code of conduct. This policy should be read in conjunction with our School Code of Behaviour. The following policy has been drafted as a result of consultation with teachers, parents and Board of Management.

**Aims and objectives**

 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform can play a valuable role by:

* setting an appropriate tone
* instilling pride in the school
* supporting positive behaviour and discipline
* encouraging identity with, and support for, the school ethos
* ensuring pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome
* protecting children from social pressures to dressing a particular way
* nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils
* supporting effective teaching and learning
* being practical and smart
* being regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents.

**Uniform**

Pupils are required to wear the full school uniform.

The uniform consists of:

* Green V-neck jumper with school crest
* Grey shirt and school tie
* Grey trousers and dark socks
* Black shoes only – no runners allowed
* For health and safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not allowed
* P.E. uniform – navy tracksuit, blue polo shirt, runners
* Pupils may wear navy shorts during hot weather

Pupils may wear the tracksuit on PE day only. Runners must be worn for PE. Long hair should be tied back tidily.

**The following points are emphasised:**

* Runners not to be worn with uniform
* Runners only to be worn with school tracksuit
* Black shoes only
* During spells of warm weather pupils will be notified in school of the option of wearing shorts.
* All clothing should be labelled with the child’s name.
* Pupils should wear the full school uniform every day except on their allotted P.E. day when they wear the school tracksuit
* If playing a match or training on a non P.E. day, pupils must wear their green uniform to school and bring gear with them to facilitate training or a match.
* The wearing of other additional garments which are not part of the school uniform as listed above is forbidden.

**Ratified by the Board of Management**

Date: ………………………………... Date………………………………………….

Signed: ……………………………… Signed………………………………………….

Principal Chairperson of Board of Management