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Dear Parent/Carer,

St Mary's School Uniform 2021/22

Uniform is a very important part of our school. It fosters a sense of identity, avoids divisiveness and also helps create and foster in every student a sense of personal pride and pride in the school. Uniform provides practical clothing for the very many different tasks to be done during a busy day. It also prepares students for the reality of work where uniform of one sort or another is often expected. We want our 'outstanding' school status to be reflected in an outstanding standard of uniform and we want every single student to wear the correct uniform properly and to take pride in their appearance both inside and outside of school. All of this helps raise self-esteem and promotes high standards.

Our school uniform provider is Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd and the majority of our school uniform is to be ordered exclusively through them as we believe this to be an excellent way of helping to ensure consistency. **The enclosed uniform list gives full details.** Those parents who have older children in the school or who are familiar with our current school uniform will notice there is a slight change to the uniform for Year 7 students in September 2021. Over the past few years we have introduced a pleated skirt and from September 2021, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will have a pleated skirt, as we phase out the current straight design.

Given the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, some restrictions have been made to the purchasing of school uniform. Under government guidance, the Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd store is currently closed, they are unable to run their usual pop up shops at school and therefore all uniform will need to be ordered online via their website <https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/st-marys-catholic-school--school-uniforms/s48>. In order to make this process easier for parents, Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd have informed us that there is detailed sizing guidance on their website. Please see attached flyer for more information.

We would urge all parents to order uniform as soon as possible be guaranteed to receive everything in time for September. If you have any questions regarding the purchasing of uniform, you can call their customer services on 0191 2302320 or email them at sales@michaelsehgal.co.uk.

If there are any issues with payment, then please contact us to discuss how we can help.

Yours sincerely

Miss Largue
Director of Student Support

1. Please order all school uniforms online this year.

Please note that our store is closed and school uniform evenings are suspended this year in line with Government guidance. School uniforms may only be ordered online via our website, at:

www.michaelsehgal.co.uk.

2. Order early! Especially for New Starters' uniforms!

We predict a surge in demand so we strongly advise all parents to order uniform as soon as possible and in particular, the uniforms for new starter students should be ordered before 30th June! if sizes run out, they are likely to take longer than normal to replenish as a result of supply chain disruption. So our advice is to order early to avoid shortages. Please do not wait until July or August!

3. Get Free Delivery and Free Returns on orders placed by 30th June.

Free delivery and returns is available for a limited time in May and June only, so order during this time and even if the size isn't right, there will be no delivery or return costs upto the 30th of June. Just insert the discount code: **FREEDELIVERY21** at the checkout.

4. Our customer services team is here to help!

Sizing guides are available on our website, indicating the most popular sizes, per age group and our customer services team can help you with your order, if it's the first time you are ordering. Call us for assistance on 0191 230 2320 or, email us at sales@michaelsehgal.co.uk. You can also find the answers to most frequently asked questions at: <https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/faqs/>

5. We will keep you informed!

At every stage, including ordering, processing and dispatch you will receive notifications from us to advise you of the status of your order. We aim to deliver all school uniforms safely and promptly.