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Generic uniform with a crest that can be sewn on.
Maybe sew on the crest on the jumper
Generic colours and styles would be more affordable for parents whilst maintaining a good standard of dress.
Also peter pan collars for girls aren't readily available
While the current uniform does make it easy to identify our children and school it is expensive and is not of particularly good quality A generic uniform certainly appears to be better value for money.
Perhaps if a generic uniform is considered it might be possible to arrange to purchase the St Laurences crest separately which could then be sewn onto the jumper/track suit. This may be a cost effective way to add an element of uniqueness which is acceptable to all.
The idea of a generic uniform that is readily available within the department stores is very appealing from a financial point of view. However I would like an option to be able to add a school crest to the jumpers / tracksuits should you wish which would differentiate to from other local schools.
I would like the uniform to be cheaper and easier to obtain no crests etc .The kids hardly wear it as they are in track suits for PE and sports most days .
I like my child uniform is very practical
My daughter loves her uniform as is , please dont change it. It is not expensive when you consider how much it is worn in the year.
The current uniform is something the school should be proud of. It often receives compliments from others. It would be an awful shame to become another school with generic grey jumpers, skirts and trousers.
I think the current uniform is good value for money, is good quality & withstands the hardship it gets generally day to day & also all the washings it gets. It is my opinion that you don't get the same life from department store items & the quality is not as good.
The present uniform is very tasteful and the children look very well in uniform. It would be a shame to see it change.
I am happy with the quality of the current uniform as it washes and wears well. I have family members living in another area who are able to purchase their uniforms in department stores and they tend to have to replace the uniform over the course of the school year as the quailty is not the best. I am happy to pay a little extra for quality garments that last for the full school term as it saves money in the long term. Also, as the children get to older classes, they have a sense of pride in their uniform and school and this promotes a positive sense of identity. Therefore, I'm in favour of keeping the uniform as it is.
I think the school uniforms should be kept the way they are as all changing it will do is give business to the big multinational dept. Stores and supermarkets and put small Irish uniform businesses out of business, I'm am very agaist it.

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<p>I love St. Laurence's uniform and I hope it stays the same!</p>
<p>Really happy with the current situation regards uniform at st Laurence's, would definitely prefer to have a uniform as is. Would not welcome any changes.</p>
<p>I find it very handy having uniform shop in tesco.</p>
<p>If you have generic colours ie: navy tracksuit for example, you'll have children attending in the 'Navy' but it will be a 'brand' introducing pressure on children/parents to 'be the same as friends' - introducing unnecessary competition.</p>
<p>I would like to keep the uniform we have at present. I think the children wear their uniform with pride. Trousers, shirts and t-shirts can be bought anywhere! This keeps the cost down for families.</p>
<p>I think the tracksuit element works really well. The school uniform jumper is probably expensive for some. The requirement for the Crest could be looked at. I personally like the uniform and Crest. It's smart and represents the school.</p>
<p>It would be easier, but I do love the current uniform</p>
<p>I like the idea of keeping the main uniform but the PE uniform should be a colour easily available with no logo eg navy.</p>
<p>I think the uniform is gorgeous. It would be good if tracksuit bottoms/Peter Pan blouses could be bought in shops like M&S.</p>
<p>Let parents be able to iron on the crests on generic jumpers available in department stores. This will make them more personalised for the school.</p>
<p>I understand that some people would prefer this but I really like that our school uniform identifies our kids as St. Laurence's pupils.</p>
<p>Perhaps a crest is not necessary on the jumper or tracksuit (if it is costly) but the colours and overall look of the existing uniform should be maintained in my opinion.</p>
<p>Overall, I really like the uniform and I think it makes life easier for parents who are busy enough with work and home trying to get kids out to school in the morning. The added hassle of having to have multiple sets of clothes ready for school each day would be too much (for me anyway) and having a uniform makes life simpler.</p>
<p>Any popular color from department stores,</p>
<p>My nieces uniform is a crested jumper and then just a grey skirt and is fab and cheap also her tracksuit is a crested hoody and any nevy bottoms and its great</p>
<p>Perhaps a generic uniform and order the relevant school crest , this way parents could sow crest onto jumper , track suit etc!!</p>
<p>I think it would be a brilliant idea if you could buy uniforms in dept stores, eg., grey trousers, white shirt, Green/Grey Jumper, where you could buy a crest to sew on to jumpers. It would save parents a fortune especially when there are two or more in school. Also for the girls I think maybe a grey skirt, that is available in most dept. stores, as the kilt is quite expensive.</p>

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<p>While I would like colours to be available in different department stores I do think a school crest is important to separate from other schools. it would be great if these crests could be made available separately and sewn on to the jumper/sweatshirt independently.</p>
<p>It would be helpful and more economical if some of the uniform was generic. For example the tracksuit (even if it was just the bottoms). Furthermore, there is no trouser option for girls which these days seems a little old fashioned. Arguably, the boys grey trousers are a generic item and it is the girls who essentially have to buy each item from the official supplier...given that they have to have tracksuit top and bottoms, crested jumper and kilt ...</p>
<p>Generic is good/cheap but a crest (iron, sew on) would be nice.</p>
<p>Yes, trousers for girls! We would have more girls in uniform in the winter if they could wear warm trousers, rather than choosing tracksuits daily.</p>
<p>I feel this would reduce the cost of the present uniform.</p>
<p>If crests/logos are necessary perhaps they could be sew/iron-on, this should help to reduce the cost of the present uniform.</p>
<p>I think it makes it more individual if the school does not have a generic uniform, but on the up side of having a more generic uniform, it would be cheaper.</p>
<p>It is nice to have a uniform that distinguishes St Laurence's from other schools however see my comments below regarding price and quality.</p>
<p>Better quality pullovers. Fabric is very stiff.</p>
<p>Waterproof track suit bottoms rather than cotton</p>
<p>Generic don't last as long. I can buy a jumper for 30 euros from your current supplier that will wash a 100 times and be perfect with crest .My sisters school opted for generic uniforms last year and has had to buy 3 in one year of same at 15 euros each and had to sew a crest on which cost 5 euros each. Her school opted for generic two years ago and it costs 60 euros double per annum than the good quality jumper previously used. Her child went through 3 tracksuits in the year as they either shrunk or tore. However I do feel that girls should be allowed to wear slacks. I feel that this survey should not even be done as parents and schools fought for so long in the 1980s to establish uniforms in schools to promote equality. However I understand that schools have to do so under Minister Quinns directions. I welcomed your numeracy and literacy surveys, However this uniform and probably next Patronage survey by direction of Minister Quinn frankly disgusts me -divesting responsibility for policy to the local already over burdened local school managemenLaurencest.Thank you and I hope St Laurences can stick to what it has- excellence of Education and well attired students.</p>
<p>A crested jumper is a good idea. Identifies the school and smartens the uniform.</p>
<p>Have trousers and skirts generic but jumper with crest and school tie. A school tie is not expensive.</p>
<p>I would prefer a jumper with the crest but if that is too expensive have crests that can be applied to jumpers.</p>

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White shirts should be able to be purchased from department stores, I like the jumper/tracksuit to be specific to the school

I actually don't mind though I would have a preference for unique rather than generic - finance is an issue which supercedes preferences

- though maybe a crested jumper or top half would suffice & access to generic trousers etc.

The tracksuits are very badly fitted. The waistbands are tiny in relation to the size of the child. For example age 9-10 might fit on the leg but the waistbands are tiny. See below. A looser more modern styled jumper with a generic darker tracksuit bottom.

Also on footwear (I know not related to uniform) but children wearing for example Ugg boots or Ugg style boots puts pressure on those of us that buy the proper school shoe that kids won't wear then as they are allowed to wear the boots of any kind. I would prefer a school shoe policy and not the boots.

The St Laurence's uniform is smart and unique and gives the school an identity. It is however not compulsory and after purchasing it, it would be nice to be enforced to wear it.

Girls blouses more readily available

Maybe move to a Grey dress/ Skirt and match the boys rather than the Kilt.

Have no problem with the crested jumper

Might be good if we could get the girls skirt in Dunnes/Marks like the the boys can with the grey trousers so then you would only have to buy the crested jumpers. I do love the current uniform it is very smart but it is an expense for families given the economy lately. Or perhaps just do a track suit only?! Just an option. Since they may only wear the dress uniform for 2/3 days a year.

For parts of it only, i.e. for polo shirts, trousers etc

It may be better if the tracksuit was a more generic colour - i.e. navy and then we could purchase the bottoms in any department stores. There could be the a Zipped tracksuit top with crest in navy or white and navy. The current tracksuits and untiform jumpers are expensive compared to normal stores.

To have some of it generic would be practical - maybe have jumper and

blouse generic

I think pinafores are a good idea for the younger girls. they are easier to wear and keep up than the kilts.

As regards 4 below, it would be nice to keep the uniform unique to the school. however, if a generic uniform could be bought at lower cost in the department stores but with a crest which could be bought separately and sewn on. its much more cost effective for parents struggling in today's financial climate.

I think it would be good if the uniforms could be purchased in department stores as then it would not be so expensive - the quality of the existing uniforms is nothing special. It might be an idea if

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there was a special tie, for both boys and girls, for special occasions. Or is there any way that the crest could be purchased from the school and ironed/sewed onto the jumpers? Generally the boys hate wearing the formal trousers and it is great that they don't HAVE to wear it all the time.

I feel the tracksuit is of very poor quality, it loses colour through washing and also shrinks from washing, and is quite hard to remove stains, I feel it would be beneficial to introduce a tracksuit that can be purchased through stores and also the school jumper is disgraceful quality, I hv only washed it 3 time this year and is all bally, am very disappointed in the quality.

With crest or differentiation (not just eg grey)

Would like to be able to purchase generic items but would be in favour of crests that can be then sewn onto these clothes. The current uniform is far too costly & not of a v good quality. Sizing & quality seems to vary from year to year.

Navy is a good colour - especially with boys who get really dirty all the time!

The grey trousers are great as they are generic, easy to obtain and other schools use them so they can be carried forward to senior school - for example St David's if needed.

Generic in the most but with the existing kilt remaining.