

The Federation of St. Bede's and St. Bernadette Catholic Schools

Uniform Policy

School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order and spot intruders more easily.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

At School, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- looks smart
- wears well
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- gives a common purpose
- fosters a feeling of pride
- plays a part in safeguarding when pupils are in public areas
- contributes to the tradition of the school
- ensures equality amongst pupils.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is a wristwatch. We ask the children to remove them during PE and games.

Hair

Children should come to school with hair that is neat and tidy and not obstructing vision. Boys hair should be short. Long hair should be tied back. The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes spiking and gelling hair, mohicans, elaborate hair extensions, patterns and colours. Due to health and safety children are not allowed to wear hair beads. The definition of an inappropriate hairstyle is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Hair accessories should be black or green.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, strappy open toed sandals, slingbacks or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear sensible, smart shoes. Trainers may be worn for PE sessions and at outdoor playtimes.

Boots may be worn during bad weather but a change of shoes must be provided for use inside school.

Girls should wear green or black tights in the winter and white socks in the summer. Boys should wear grey or black socks at all times.

Outer wear

Children must wear the school coat available for sale in the school office.

Pupils may wear any type of hat, scarf or gloves or they may purchase the school hat, scarf and gloves available from the School Office.

Pupils must use the school bag in all year groups.

School Outings

All pupils must wear full school uniform on all school outings unless otherwise stated. This ensures that the standards of the school are maintained and helps to establish the identity of the school group recognisable to all school party members and the general public; for the safety of all.

The role of parents

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, in good repair and clearly labelled.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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

Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff

- Set a good example in term of dress
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals
- Refrain from wearing track suits unless where Physical Education is being taught.
- No jeans or denim, trainers, flip flops or shorts to be worn.

Monitoring and review

The Governing Body 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 Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;**
- **requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.**

Lost Property

Uniform is the responsibility of the child and/or the parent. **Lost property is kept in the bins provided by the stairs and is kept for one term only.**

School Uniform Details

A detailed list of our school uniform and P.E dress code is attached and is always available from the school office.

All new parents are given this list.

Parents are also given details of where they can purchase our school skirt.