



St Bede's RC Primary

School Uniform Policy

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

At St Bede's RC Primary School, uniform is compulsory for all children attending. This contributes towards the ethos of high expectations and creates a positive impression within the local community.

Aims

Our approach to uniform aims:

- To promote a sense of pride within St Bede's RC Primary School
- To create a sense of community and belonging to the school
- To prevent children coming to school in fashion clothes that can cause distraction in class
- To make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- To provide good value for money for parents by regularly reviewing suppliers prices
- To ensure that children are dressed with health and safety in mind

Expectations:

St Bede's RC Primary School expects that all children will:

- Come to school in the correct uniform
- Look after their uniform when in school and store it appropriately when not being worn

St Bede's RC Primary School expects that all parents will:

- Support the school's uniform policy. If there are genuine reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents would want their child to wear alternative uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically
- Ensure that their child is appropriately dressed for weather conditions
- Label all items of school uniform clearly with the child's name
- Ensure that their child has appropriate PE kit and has it in school for all lessons
- Ensure that their child's uniform is kept clean and in good condition

Parents and children can expect that St Bede's RC Primary School will:

- Monitor uniform and keep weekly records of children who fail to be adequately prepared for PE lessons
- Contact parents if concerns arise
- Review the uniform policy every two years

Guidelines:

All children from nursery to Year 6 must wear:

- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the embroidered school logo
- White polo shirt with or without the embroidered school logo
- Black or dark Grey trousers. These must be plain without decoration
- Black or dark Grey skirts or pinafores
- Socks and tights must be plain white, grey, navy, green or black

Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, pe kit, gym bags and book bags can be purchased from the school office. School will also keep a small amount of second hand uniform for resale.

Tracksuit bottoms, harem pants, jogging pants and leggings are not acceptable school uniform.

Green checked dresses may be worn in the Summer term.

Black or dark Grey school shorts may be worn in the Summer term.

All items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with a child's named. This should be done discretely on the inside of the clothing. Items of uniform should never be embroidered externally with a child's name as this can, potentially, be a safeguarding issue.

Footwear

- We want all children to grow into healthy adults and we believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or heels so we do not allow them to be worn in school. All footwear must have heels no higher than 1 inch and have a sole with good grip
- Footwear should be a plain black. Brightly coloured shoes or boots are not permitted
- Children should bring a change of footwear for PE

Jewellery

- Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school
- The only exception is small stud earrings but these must be removed during all PE lessons and activities. Earrings cannot be taped over for PE. Where necessary clear, flexible flat ended soft studs will be considered.
- A watch may be worn but Smart Watches are not permitted due to safeguarding regulations
- All jewellery and watches remain the responsibility of the child and staff are not able to assist in removing earrings for PE lessons
- If you wish your child to wear a small object with particular religious, cultural or medical significance, this will be considered by the Head teacher
- All children must come to school with a complete change of clothes for PE which includes black shorts/jogging pants and plain white t-shirt.

- Children will be informed of their PE days at the beginning of each half term
- All children must have a gym bag clearly labelled with their name in which to store their kit

Hairstyles

- Our main concern is safety so we ask that children are able to tie back long hair securely for PE lessons and practical activities
- 'Extreme' hairstyles, such as bright hair dyes or extensions, shaved patterns and Mohicans are not permitted in school as they can cause distraction in class that is disruptive to learning

Children are not permitted to wear make-up, temporary tattoos or nail varnish in school.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body is responsible for the monitoring and review of this policy. This policy will next be reviewed in June 2025 in time for the 2025/2026 academic year. It will be reviewed every two years thereafter.