

ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bede, patron of our school, wrote:

“It was always my delight to learn and to teach”.

We are a celebrating community, living the Gospel
Values, committed to educating children in the light of the
Catholic Faith.

We journey together so that we

“Might have life - life in all its fullness”.

John 10:10

RATIONALE

It is our Policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal hours. The intention is to create a fashion conscious free environment in which children can work, play and grow. Fashion can polarise those families that can afford designer clothing, footwear and trendy hairstyles from those for whom peer pressure can often be a financial burden. School uniform makes a very strong commitment to appropriateness and equality. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is in our school prospectus and on our website: (www.stbedesjuniors.co.uk).

PURPOSES

Our Policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;

- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes may be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents/carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is a watch. The children must remove the watch during PE and games. We ask that ears are pierced during the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed at home. Once the six week period has elapsed, they must not be worn in school. If they are, for a short time, they need to be covered with tape.

HAIR AND MAKE UP

The school does not allow any of the following:

- Haircuts that could serve as a fashion statement, distraction to others or to identify children as part of a particular group (Mohicans, zig-zags, skinheads, etc.);
- Shaven heads beyond No.2;
- Long hair which is not tied up/back;
- Hairbands, hair-bows, bobbles, which are unnecessarily decorated and/or coloured (these cause distractions unnecessarily too);
- Tattoos / transfers;
- Hair gel or hair products such as colour/dye;
- Extensions/braids which include beads;
- Make-up, including nail varnish and/or artificial nails.

FOOTWEAR

To ensure the safety of all children, the development of healthy feet and promote smart appearance, the school requires that traditional black shoes are worn.

The following will not be accepted:

- Boots, high or ankle;
- High heels or platform soles;
- Shoes which resemble trainers and have sporting stripes or icons on them;
- Wellingtons/boots may be worn for the journey to and from school but children are required to change into shoes or pumps during the school day.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS/CARERS

Parents/carers who send their children to our school are expected to support the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent/carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, he/she should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will consider such requests sympathetically. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our School Uniform Policy is consistent with our Policy on Equal Opportunities. Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

REVIEW

The School Uniform Policy will be reviewed in the light of guidance, training and changes in legislation or at the request of a member of the school community. The staff and Governing Body will agree any amendments.

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The table below indicates the appropriate dress code and items that are not allowed.

'V' neck pullover or cardigan	Bottle green with silver trim to V	With school logo
Shirt	White	
Skirt/pinafore (no more than 50 mm above the knee)	Green/black tartan pleated skirt, Green/black tartan kilt or Green/black tartan pinafore	
Tie (worn at a reasonable length)	Bottle green and silver striped	
Trousers (shorts in summer time)	Grey	Must be a traditional formal 'suit' style trouser (no canvas, cargo or jeans style). NB: Girls are allowed to wear trousers, the same style trousers as are worn by the boys.

Tights	Black/grey/bottle green	Plain, no patterns.
Footwear	Black No logos	Traditional/formal style in leather or synthetic. No trainers/trainer style shoes or UGG style boots. Traditional black sandals may be worn in the summer time.
Socks	Grey / white	

OPTIONAL

Fleece jacket	Embroidered with school badge	
Hooded sweatshirt	Embroidered with school badge	
In summer a green/white gingham dress, short grey trousers, short sleeved blouse or a polo shirt with an embroidered school badge and double green stripes on the collar and on the sleeves.		

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Black and green top and shorts

OPTIONAL

School black and green track suit

Jewellery	Only a watch is permissible.	
Make up	Make up in any format is not allowed.	
Hair	Natural colour only	No 'extreme' styles are allowed.

Suppliers

School uniform can be purchased from:

Boydells Sports (0151 424 3257)

17 – 19 Victoria Road, Widnes, WA8 0PU.

Touchline UK (01925 413777)

Unit 2, Kerfoot Street, Warrington, WA2 8NU.

Donated items of school uniform

Many parents/carers donate items of school uniform in good condition that their child(ren) have outgrown. These are available for any child free of charge.