

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



WE LEARN, WE PLAY, WE CARE, WE PRAY

Uniform Policy

Last review: June 2018

Next review: November 2020

FEDERATION VISION

Our vision is to provide all children with the best possible education, guided by the foundations of the Catholic faith, which develops their potential, prepares them for the future and inspires lifelong learning.



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.

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
- ◆ reduces 'fashion competition' between children.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. This includes no earrings, sleepers or studs. **(The exception to this rule is a watch in the Junior School only.)**

Hair

We encourage all of our pupils to take pride in their appearance and expect our children to attend school with only appropriate hairstyles. Children should come to school with hair that is neat and tidy and not obstructing vision.

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes spiking and gelling hair or patterns and colours. Mohican haircuts, logo symbols shaved into the hair, hair tails, coloured hair and over-elaborate hair extensions are not appropriate for school due to health and safety concerns. Due to health and safety children are also 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 or yellow (or white with summer uniform)

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. It is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, strappy open toed sandals, sling backs 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 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 plain sensible, smart school shoes.

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

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

Outer wear

Children must wear the school coat in both the Infant and the Junior School. The only exception to this is in Year 6 when pupils are growing out of their coat just before moving to a new school. This is at the discretion of the Headteacher and must be a plain dark green or black coat.

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

Pupils must use the school bag in all year groups.

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 Board supports the Headteachers in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteachers 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 and practical.

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 or shorts to be worn. Sensible, comfortable shoes should be worn at all times.

Monitoring and review

The Governing Board 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 Headteachers, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;**
- **requiring the Headteachers 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 tubs by the First Aid station 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 and other items of uniform.

Final decisions regarding uniform are at the discretion of the Headteachers