

St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy



At St. Bernadette's Catholic School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010 Clarify our expectations for school uniform based on the notion that our school uniform:
 - Promotes a sense of pride in the school and its Catholic ethos
 - Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school and God's family.

2. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform. We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will endeavour to make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a 'social leveller'
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items when possible

- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

3. Expectations for school uniform

All pupils in school wear school uniform which can be purchased from Clive Mark or from St. Bernadette's (ParentPay).

4.1 The uniform consists of:

Winter Uniform (autumn and spring term)

- Grey skirt / pinafore / grey straight-leg trousers
- Grey cardigan or v-neck jumper with the school logo
- White hard collar shirt
- School tie
- Black, flat shoes (not boots, plimsolls or trainers)
- Grey, black or white socks or grey tights

Summer Uniform (summer term)

- Grey skirt / pinafore / grey straight-leg trousers/grey shorts with a white polo shirt
- Black, flat shoes (not boots, plimsolls or trainers)
- Grey cardigan or v-neck jumper with the school logo
- Black, flat shoes (not boots, plimsolls or trainers)
- Grey, black or white socks or grey tights

Nursery Uniform

- Grey skirt / pinafore / grey straight leg trousers with a white polo shirt
- Red Sweatshirt /Cardigan with school logo
- Black, flat shoes (not boots, plimsolls or trainers)

School Bags

- All children in EYFS and KSI must have a reading bag with the school logo

PE Uniform

Black P.E shorts, plain white t-shirt and black plimsolls—KS2 are allowed to wear trainers for outdoor games lessons. (Kit must be kept in school during term time) Dark tracksuit for winter games

3.2 Presentation and personal property

Children's hairstyles should be suitable for school. Shaven/patterned or coloured styles are not appropriate and children with longer hair should have it tied back. Hair-bands and bows, if worn, should be plain and simple—they should not be a fashion statement. A plain black, grey, or white hair-band is acceptable. Hair bows should be small and only in black, grey, or white. On health and safety grounds, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted (including earrings) and children will be asked to remove it. In Key Stage Two, children may wear a watch (not a smart watch). Children must not bring valuables to school (including mobile phones, except where this has been agreed for children who walk home alone). The School and Governing Body will not be held responsible for loss of, or damage to, personal property

4.3 Non-Uniform Days

From time to time there will be non-uniform days when children and staff may come to school in their everyday clothes; these days will be fundraising events and members of the school community may be asked to contribute a sum of money for the privilege of not wearing uniform. On non-uniform days the following items of clothing are not permitted:

- High heeled shoes or open-toe sandals
- Strappy tops which expose the shoulders
- Cropped tops which expose the midriff
- Very short skirts
- Jewellery of any kind
- Long skirts/other items of clothing that touch the ground and could be trip hazard
- T-shirts or other garments with inappropriate slogans

Children must not wear make-up, including nail polish or false nails, to school.

Stick on tattoos are also not appropriate for school

4.4 Where to purchase it:

Non-branded uniform can be easily purchased from usual high street/online stores such as:

- George (Asda)
- Matalan
- Tu Clothing (Sainsbury's)
- F&F Clothing (Tesco)
- Very.co.uk
- Jumpers and cardigans with the Bernadette's logo on can be obtained from:
 - St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School (ParentPay)
 - Clive Mark
 - St Bernadette's will arrange regular second-hand uniform sales throughout the year. Donations for this are gratefully accepted.

4. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply but will follow up with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher if the situation does not improve. Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy. In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has

resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

5. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every three years, and in line with any updated DfE uniform guidance. At every review, it will be approved by the Governing Body.

6. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy Complaints policy