

St Bede's Uniform Policy

The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with guidance given in the DfE booklet which states;

'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.'

The school therefore expects high standards of personal appearance and that all students should wear school uniform to and from school, during the school day or when participating in school-organised events.

School Uniform – general statements

Fashion statements with regards to students' dress or appearance are unacceptable. (If in doubt, parents and carers should contact the school before any decisions are made)

- Jewellery is not permitted in school FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS 7-11 (except a wrist watch). Parents must wait until the 6 week's holidays if they want to get their son / daughter's ears pierced. Covering recently pierced ears with an Elastoplast or using the plastic inserts is not acceptable.

As well as the no jewellery policy, any piercings such as tongues, eyebrows or other areas on the face are not allowed. This also applies to tattoos, which are illegal for students of school age.

Although the school supports the work of many charity organisations, charity bands will be classed as bracelets and therefore not allowed.

- Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, shaved heads (NO SHORTER THAN A NUMBER 2) extreme patterns / v styles, or unnatural dyed colours are also forbidden.

Pupils in Years 7 - 9 with long hair should also tie it back.

Likewise, make-up is not allowed for students in years 7- 11.

Below is a simple guide to our uniform requirements.

- Black blazer with the school logo and the relevant coloured strip for their House group. Blazers must be worn at all times unless permission has been given by a member of staff to remove.
- School clip-on tie.

- A plain white shirt, which buttons to the neck and is tucked in at all times. No visible tops / shirts to be worn under the shirt - plain white vests etc. are acceptable - brightly coloured under-garments are not.

- Plain black formal school trousers or school skirt (knee length)- no denim or Jean styles or Lycra – type tight stretchy material. No zipped pockets or gold/silver fashion accessories.

Little Gems in Peterlee town centre is our official uniform stockist. Please be aware that items sold as ‘school uniform’ in other outlets may not comply with our school uniform requirements. Please check with your Head of House before making any purchases.

- Plain black belt (no fashion belts e.g. big eye-catching buckles)

- No hats to be worn on school premises

- No hooded tops / tracksuit tops to be worn unless they are St Bede’s PE uniform (for PE purposes)

- Outdoor coats must be taken off when in lessons / heart space / break out areas. (Extreme fashion jackets or denim etc. are also not allowed - simple waterproof jackets are required).

- Plain black formal school shoes. There must be no branding or other colours at all within the shoe. In winter time, stout footwear can be used, but they must be covered by trousers likewise fashionable boots like Ugg boots are also forbidden. We would also recommend that parents get girls shoes that will cover their whole foot for the winter if they are walking to school in snow / slush-type conditions.

St Bede’s Catholic School PE Uniform

There is a range of PE uniform that is available from Little Gems. You child’s initials can be printed on items indicated with * for a small additional cost. You are not required to purchase all of the items listed below, however students must wear the St Bede’s PE uniform for all PE lessons or activities.

- PE Shorts
- PE Polo Top*
- PE Sports Leggings
- PE Rugby Top
- PE Slim Track Pants*
- PE Fleece Top
- PE Hoodie*
- PE Showerproof Jacket
- Football Socks

We strongly advise that all PE uniform is labelled inside for identification purposes.

SUMMARY

Girls’ Uniform (Years 7-11)

White school shirt with top button fastened (not a polo shirt). Black Formal School trousers (not lycra or denim) or black knee-length school skirt (not lycra or denim) with black opaque tights. A black blazer with the St Bede’s school badge and house ribbon attached. A St Bede’s school clip-on tie. Black formal school shoe shoes. Optional St Bede’s black jumper with logo. St Bede’s Catholic School PE Uniform.

Boys' Uniform (Years 7-11)

White school shirt with top button fastened (not a polo shirt). Black Formal school trousers (not denim-type material or jean styled trousers.) A black blazer with the St Bede's school badge and house ribbon attached. A St Bede's school clip-on tie. Black Formal school shoes. Optional St Bede's black jumper with logo. Optional St Bede's black jumper with logo. St Bede's Catholic School PE Uniform.

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