

## 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 accepts 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

**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** (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 is not acceptable. 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 with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

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

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
- 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 - no denim or Jean styles trousers or Lycra – type tight stretchy material. No zipped pockets or gold/silver fashion accessories. If you don't buy items from Little Gems and you go to outlets that say 'school uniform', this does not mean it is endorsed or complies with our school uniform requirements.
- 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

· 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 (please see booklet provided by Wynsors). Although parents do not need to buy shoes from Wynsors, they must be plain black. 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.

## **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 shoes**

Optional St Bede's black jumper with logo

### **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

### **Face Coverings**

**Pupils are to wear an appropriate (with no- offensive messages) face covering when in the school building (communal areas, classrooms and corridors). A clean face covering should be worn on a daily basis, when not in use it must be securely stored in a resealable plastic bag. All pupils using 'dedicated school transport' must wear a face covering by law, and we reserve the right to withdraw a pupil's place on a school bus if they do not follow the law regarding public transport and face coverings. Pupils who are exempt from wearing a face covering will be issued with a white badge to communicate this to staff.**