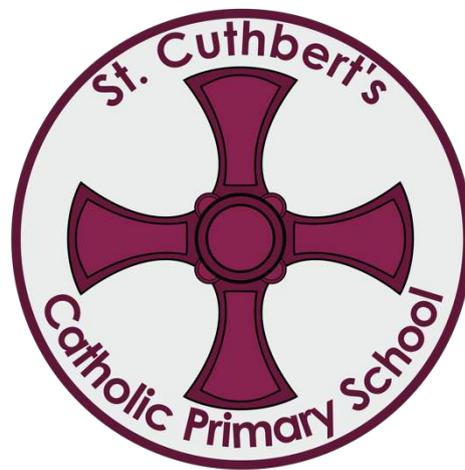


Uniform Policy

St Cuthbert's RCVA Primary



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Our uniform shows that we are part of the St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School community. We have the highest expectations from our students with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind
- is considered good value for money by most parents

Uniform details:

Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School jumper or cardigan • White polo shirt or blouse (it does not have to have the school logo on) • Black/grey trousers or skirt/pinafore • Black school shoes or plain black trainers • White or grey socks or black/grey tights <p>*No leggings or lycra skirts Please note: <i>our children are active every day in school, not just in PE lessons therefore short/lycra skirts are not appropriate. Similarly, leggings, jeggings and jeans are not acceptable.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School jumper or cardigan • White polo shirt or white shirt (it does not have to have the school logo on) • Black/grey trousers • Black school shoes or plain black trainers • Grey or black socks
Girls Summer Uniform	Boys Summer Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School jumper or cardigan • Light blue checked school dress or grey skirt/skort and white polo shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School jumper or cardigan • White polo shirt or white shirt (it does not have to have the school logo on) • Black/grey shorts/trousers • Black school shoes or plain black trainers

(Children in Reception Class should bring a labelled pair of Wellingtons in their first week that can be left in school for outdoor play).

Footwear:

- Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, all black plain shoes with a flat sole.
- If black trainers are worn, they should be plain black with no coloured logos.
- Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school.
- If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

PE Kit:

Girls Indoor Kit	Boys Indoor Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light blue T shirt with the school logo• Maroon shorts• Plimsolls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light blue T shirt with the school logo• Maroon shorts• Plimsolls
Girls Outdoor Kit	Boys Outdoor Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain navy leggings or jogging bottoms (no brands or logos)• School sky blue t-shirt or plain sky blue t-shirt (no logos)• School hoodie• Outdoor trainers for outdoor PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain navy jogging bottoms (no brands or logos)• School sky blue t-shirt or plain sky blue t-shirt (no logos)• School hoodie• Outdoor trainers for outdoor PE

School specific items are available from JD fashions in Seaham. The items above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any item difficult to obtain, please contact the school office. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

Jewellery, Watches, Hair, Make-up and Nail Varnish

- For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery.
- Wrist watches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. 'Smart' watches linked to mobile phones are not permitted.
- Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either maroon or black or white in colour. Hair bands should not have large flowers/cat ears attached.
- Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. False nails should not be worn.
- Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns or 'tram lines' cut into their hair or have their hair coloured or dyed.
- For health and safety reasons and to ensure it does not distract from learning, long hair should be tied back.

Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. Any head covering for religious or cultural values should be simple and in school colours (maroon or grey).

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their uniform correctly will be contacted and asked to bring in the missing uniform. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the uniform, they are missing for that day. The parent or carer will then be asked to discuss the issue at the end of the day. There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Headteacher either in person or by letter.

The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor

discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. We encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties. There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code on these days.

Pupils who wear make-up/nail varnish or jewellery will be required to remove these. Items of jewellery will be confiscated by the teacher to be collected by the parent.

Naming Clothing and Property

Naming Clothing and Property is VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure all clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property boxes in each corridor. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through the boxes and they will direct you to where they are kept. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term and given to a local charity.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equality, Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. St Cuthbert's RC Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 regulations concerning equal opportunities and poverty proofing. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body 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 headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform