



# Uniform Policy

**Our Lady and St Bede  
Catholic Academy, Stockton**

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Date of next review: September 2028

<b>Review History</b>			
<b>Date Reviewed</b>	<b>Reviewed by</b>	<b>Approved By</b>	<b>Date Implemented</b>
May 2026	Headteacher	Local Governing Committee / Trust	September 2026
<b>Recent Revisions</b>			
<b>Issue No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Revisions made</b>	
1	May 2026	To ensure compliance with Government guidelines.	

## **1. Introduction**

Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy School is part of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, and the uniform supports the high standards of Trust and the school. At School we believe that a school uniform plays an important role in creating a focused and respectful learning environment. The uniform policy is designed to promote equality, reduce distractions, and instil a sense of pride and belonging among students. By wearing the correct uniform, students represent not only themselves but also the values of our school. This policy outlines expectations for student dress and appearance, ensuring consistency and clarity for all members of the school community.

## **2. Aims**

We believe that a clearly defined school uniform is important to:

- **Promote equality**  
To create a sense of fairness and reduce peer pressure by minimising visible economic and social differences among students.
- **Encourage a sense of belonging**  
To help students feel part of the school community and take pride in representing the school.
- **Support a focused learning environment**  
To reduce distractions and support a professional atmosphere that is conducive to learning and achievement.
- **Foster discipline and responsibility**  
To encourage students to take responsibility for their appearance and to understand the importance of following guidelines and expectations.
- **Prepare students for the future**  
To help students develop habits of personal presentation that are important in many workplaces and formal environments.

### 3. School Uniform

The school uniform requirements are outlined in the table below, along with details regarding which items are optional and which need to be branded.

#### General Uniform

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Blazer	Required	Navy blazer with <b>branded</b> embroidered school badge. Only available from the uniform supplier.
Shirt	Required	White collared shirt with top button fastened. This must be smartly tucked in. White reverse collared shirt. This must be smartly tucked in. Note: Shirts can be purchased from any high-street retailer.
School Tie	Required	<b>Branded</b> school tie.
Jumper	Optional	
Trousers	Required	Navy taper trousers or navy trousers. No skinny trousers Note: Trousers can be purchased from any high-street retailer.
Skirt	Required	A knee-length navy and green tartan skirt Only available from the uniform supplier.
Socks/Tights	Required	Plain black tights (knee-high socks are not permitted)  Plain dark socks – black/dark blue/grey.
Shoes	Required	Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls, pumps, or boots. Note: Shoes can be purchased from any high-street retailer.

### Outerwear

Item	Information
Outdoor coats	
Boots	There will be reasonable adjustments made during adverse weather conditions. Boots will be allowed when there is snow.

### PE Kit

Item	Required/Optional	Information
School badged navy and green polo top	Required	<i>Only available from the uniform supplier.</i>
Plain navy shorts, with no branding or logos (optional with school badge)	Required	<i>Can be purchased from any high-street retailer. (Optional branded from the uniform supplier.)</i>
Plain navy sports leggings, with no branding or logos (optional with school badge)	Optional	<i>Can be purchased from any high-street retailer. (Optional branded from the uniform supplier.)</i>
Sports socks	Required	Navy knee length sport socks  White short sport socks - no branding or logos if wearing sports leggings
Shin pads	Required for football	<i>Can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>

### PE Footwear

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Trainers	Required	<i>Can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>
Football boots	Required	<i>Can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>

## General Appearance

<b>Hairstyles</b>	Hair should be a natural colour (one colour only). The school reserves the right to decide that the cut and colour of a student's hair is inappropriate. Tramlines, Mohicans, extreme short sides, longer on top are examples of styles that are deemed inappropriate.
<b>Jewellery</b>	Students are permitted to wear one stud in each earlobe. No other jewellery (this includes necklaces, bracelets and/or rings) or visible body piercings are allowed.
<b>Make-Up</b>	Students are not permitted to wear excessive make-up. The school reserves the right to decide whether the amount of make-up a student is applying is inappropriate. Students are not permitted to wear false, gel or acrylic nails and/or garishly coloured nail varnish. For health and safety reasons nails need to be a sensible length, False eyelashes are not permitted. No fake tan is permitted.
<b>Religious Head Coverings</b>	Students may wear religious head coverings or garments (e.g. hijabs, turbans, kippahs) as part of their uniform, provided they are plain black or navy and meet health and safety standards.
<b>Tattoos</b>	Tattoos which are visible are not permitted. Any student aged 18 or over with a visible tattoo will need to keep it covered up. It is illegal to have a tattoo below the age of 18.

#### 4. Ordering School Uniform

Uniform can be ordered here

The approved OLSB uniform is available exclusively from our approved uniform supplier, Michael Sehgal and Sons Ltd, via the link below:

<https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/schools/our-lady-and-st-bede/>

Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd

Unit 17, Airport, Industrial Estate,

Kingston Park, Newcastle, NE3 2EF

Tel: 0191 2302320

Email: [sales@michaelsehgal.co.uk](mailto:sales@michaelsehgal.co.uk)

Website: <https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk>

or certain items of uniform can also be purchased from high street stores.

## **5. Uniform Assistance and Pre-loved School Uniform**

We recognise that the cost of school uniform can be challenging for some families, and we are committed to ensuring that every pupil is able to attend school feeling confident and well presented.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties or require support with purchasing uniform items, please contact the school office. Our staff will discuss the available options with you in a confidential and supportive manner.

We also offer a selection of high-quality second-hand uniform items. These are available for parents to access throughout the year. Families are warmly encouraged to donate any outgrown uniform that is still in good condition, helping us to support other members of our school community and to promote sustainability.

## **6. Links to Other Trust and School Policies:**

- Behaviour Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Equality Policy
- Health and Safety Policy