



St Aidan's Church of England Primary Academy

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Introduction

All pupils at St. Aidan's are expected to wear the school uniform. Our uniform has been chosen so it is affordable to our St. Aidan's families and is easy to obtain. Parents can choose whether to buy our school uniform with our badge on it or plain uniform. The choice is yours. We also hold pre-loved uniform events throughout the year for parents to benefit from.

We want our children to look smart in their school uniform. This really reflects the aims of our school and gives everyone a sense of belonging. Children are not expected to wear any form of make-up in school, for example painted fingernails, false or gel nails, fake tan or eye make-up. It is advisable that long hair is tied back to help prevent the spread of head lice. Extreme hairstyles (e.g. shaving lines, spikes, gel, dye) are discouraged. We find that a neat, tidy appearance helps to create a good work ethic. A comprehensive list of the items needed for the school uniform is available on our school website and in the welcome information provided to new parents.

Our Uniform consists of:

- Maroon jumper (with or without school badge)
- Pale blue polo shirt (with or without the school badge)
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- Black smart school shoes or plain black trainers

In summer grey shorts or a white and blue gingham summer dress can be worn.



Always Badge

All members of the school community have a shared responsibility guarantee that we can all fully enjoy our rights (please refer to the behaviour policy). By upholding these rights, pupils are rewarded with a special 'house badge' known as the ALWAYS badge. It is mandatory for every member of St. Aidan's to wear their ALWAYS badge, which they will receive on their first day of school.



Shoes

We do allow pupils to wear **all black** trainers - no coloured swooshes/stripes etc. **with all black soles.**

Black shoes are also still acceptable and preferred for school.

As we are allowing children to wear all black trainers please do not send children to school in any other coloured trainers or shoes.



PE Kit

- Plain navy blue or black shorts
- White PE T-shirt
- Pumps or trainers for outdoor PE

In winter plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings may be worn.

School Uniform Retailers

Our jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts with the school logo can all be purchased at:

Whittakers Schoolwear

Waterloo Pavilions
20 – 26 Church Street
Blackburn
Lancashire
BB1 5AL

Alternatively, our plain uniform is available to buy at affordable prices in our local

supermarkets. We also have wonderful local charity shops, such as Rummage Rescuers, where St. Aidan's pre-loved uniform can be bought.

Each child, when they start in Reception, are given a book bag (free of charge) with our school logo on. Book bags are also available to buy at our school office.

Aims and objectives

Our school uniform policy is founded on the principle that school uniform:

- fosters school spirit and pride among pupils;
- cultivates a strong sense of unity and belonging within the school community;
- considered affordable and appropriate attire by the majority of parents;
- practical and stylish in design;
- helps pupils feel connected to the school;
- prevents distractions from fashion-forward clothing in the classroom;
- ensures the children feel equal in appearance to their classmates;
- is created with the well-being and safety of individuals at the forefront.

Jewellery

As a result of a number of incidents involving jewellery in school, the Governors have decided that in the interests of the children's safety, no jewellery should be worn in school, other than a watch and ear studs. No ear studs are allowed during PE. They must be removed or, if within 6 weeks of piercing, covered with a plaster by the child.

Hair and Accessories

The school discourages 'extreme' haircuts that may cause distractions to other pupils. We prefer our children to maintain a neat appearance, so please refrain from getting extreme haircuts like lines, patterns, or bold colours. Keep hair accessories small and avoid large bows. If hair is longer than shoulder length, please make sure it is tied back.

Make-up

Children are not expected to wear any form of make-up in school, for example painted fingernails, false or gel nails, fake tan or eye make-up.

The role of the parents

We kindly request all parents who send their children in our school to endorse the school uniform policy. We firmly believe that parents play a crucial role in ensuring their children attend school in the appropriately dressed and fully prepared for their daily academic activities. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their child possesses the proper uniform, which should be well-maintained and clean.

The role of the governors

The Local Governing Body (LGC) works alongside the Headteacher to enforce the school uniform policy, taking into account feedback from parents and collaborating closely to ensure a fair and sensitive implementation.

It is the governors' responsibility to make sure that the school uniform follows all regulations related to equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy encourages children to dress appropriately, in durable, safe, and practical clothing that is also affordable for parent/careers.

Monitoring and review

The LGC oversees and evaluates the school uniform policy through conducting committee work by:

- asking for parents' opinions to make sure they are in agreement with and back the policy;
- reviewing, along with the Headteacher, any parental requests for specific pupils to receive special permission regarding school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to provide regular updates to the governors regarding the enforcement of the school uniform policy.