



# St Barnabas

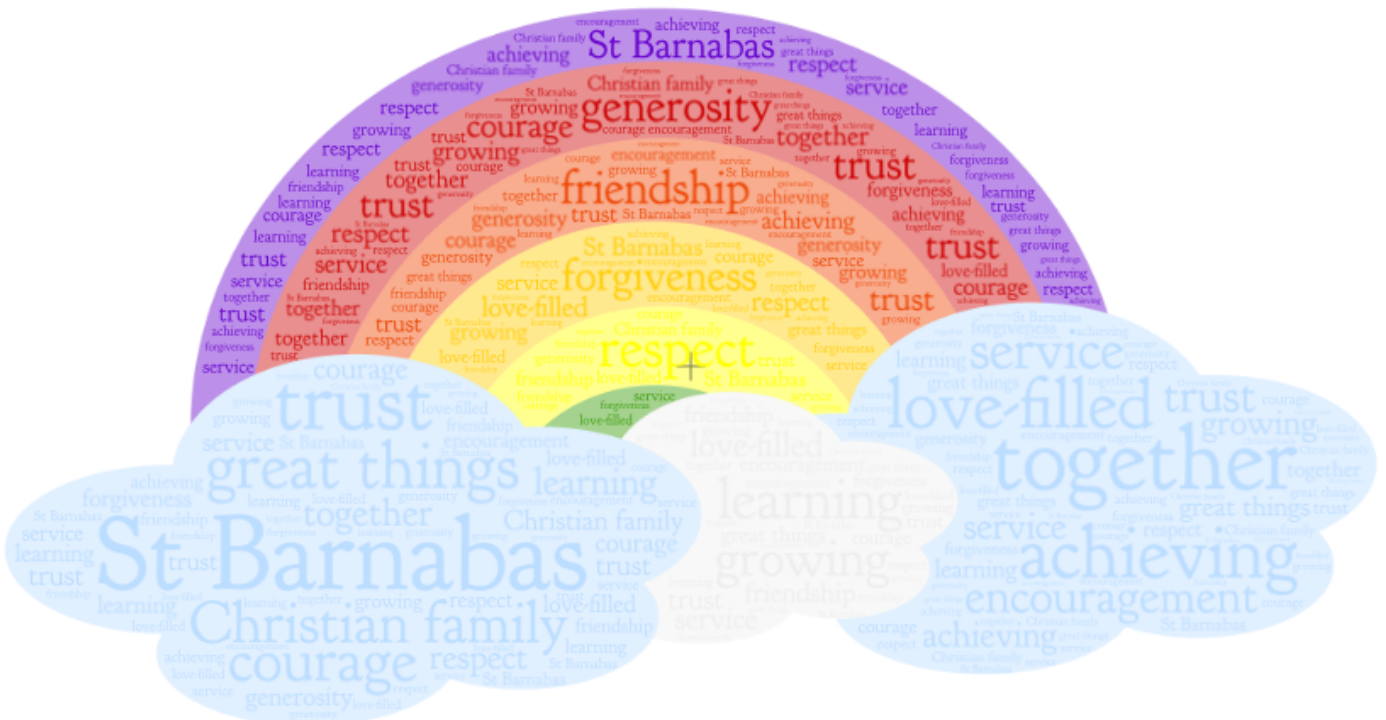
Church of England Primary Academy

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**'That they shall have life, life in all its fullness!'** John 10:10

**'Achieving great things through learning and growing together in a love-filled Christian family'**

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## Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. The St Barnabas' uniform has been chosen so that it is reasonably inexpensive to purchase and easy to obtain. We are a poverty proofed school so we are extremely mindful of the cost of uniform. Parents can choose whether they want to purchase uniform with the school badge on or plain uniform. Our FOSB PTFA collect in donated uniform and this is offered to parents at a number of events across the school year. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website and our welcome information to new parents.

Our uniform consists of:

## Boys

- Pale blue polo shirt (with or without the school badge)
- Royal blue sweatshirt with or without school badge (Red sweatshirts or red leavers hoodie for Y6)
- Grey trousers (Shorts may be worn in Summer or through choice in Winter)
- Grey or black socks
- Black smart school shoes (not trainers)

## Girls

- Pale blue polo shirt (with or without the school badge)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school badge (Red sweatshirts/cardigan or red leavers hoodie for Y6)
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers (Or royal blue and white checked dress in Summer)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights
- Black smart school shoes (no trainers)

## PE Kit

- Plain navy blue or black shorts
- House colour PE T-shirt
- Pumps or trainers for outdoor PE
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings may be worn during the colder weather
- Optional royal blue zip up hoodie with badge can be worn on PE days or royal blue school sweatshirt

Children come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days twice a week. Along with their PE lessons, they also take part in games sessions on the MUGA at lunch times with our sports coach.

Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE T-shirts and book bags with the school logo can all be purchased by local uniform providers or alternatively parents may purchase plain uniform from our local supermarkets and shops:

- Snazzy's, Bridge Street, Darwen
- Grays Schoolwear, Northgate, Blackburn
- Whittakers Schoolwear, Church Street, Blackburn

Parents of children in the infant classes are asked to purchase a blue book bag so that children can hold their books and water bottle in them and they fit perfectly in their own trays.

Children in the junior classes may bring in a small bag or rucksack to carry their books and water bottle.

Our Reception children take part in weekly Muddy Mondays and have access to an outdoor area all year round. Therefore we ask that parents send in a pair of wellies and a waterproof puddle suit so that children can access our outdoor area in all weathers.

**Our Year 6 children are proud to wear red hoodies – they are our ambassadors for the school. They purchase a Leavers hoodie at the beginning of the year so that they get the best value as they can wear it all year, rather than for a couple of weeks at the end of the year.**

## **Aims and objectives**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

## **Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not allowed, this includes earrings. We recommend that ear piercing should take place at the beginning of the summer holiday so allowing time for healing. If they haven't healed, we ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to

prevent them from causing injury. Plastic retainers may be worn to prevent the holes closing up.

Watches may be worn, but the school cannot accept responsibility for any damage or loss that may occur. During PE or Games lessons watches must be removed.

### **Hair and accessories**

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. We like our children to look smart at all times so please avoid extreme hair cuts such as lines, patterns or colours. Hair accessories should be small and school colours- royal blue. No large bows please. Hair should be tied back if it is longer than shoulder length.

### **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school on non-PE days; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black smart school shoes as stated in the uniform list. Trainers or pumps are to be worn on PE days but we do not allow platform trainers.

### **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

### **The role of governors**

The Local Governing Body (LGC) 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.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical as well as being good value for money.

### **Monitoring and review**

The LGC 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;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.