

ST. BEDE'S



CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# Uniform Policy

**St Bede's Catholic Academy,  
Stockton**

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1	May 2026	To ensure compliance with Government guidelines.	

## 1. Introduction

St Bede's is part of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust and the uniform supports the high standards of Trust and St Bede's. At St Bede's, 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 pupils. By wearing the correct uniform, pupils represent not only themselves but also the values of our school. This policy outlines expectations for pupil dress and appearance, ensuring consistency and clarity for all members of the St. Bede's school community.

## 2. Aims

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

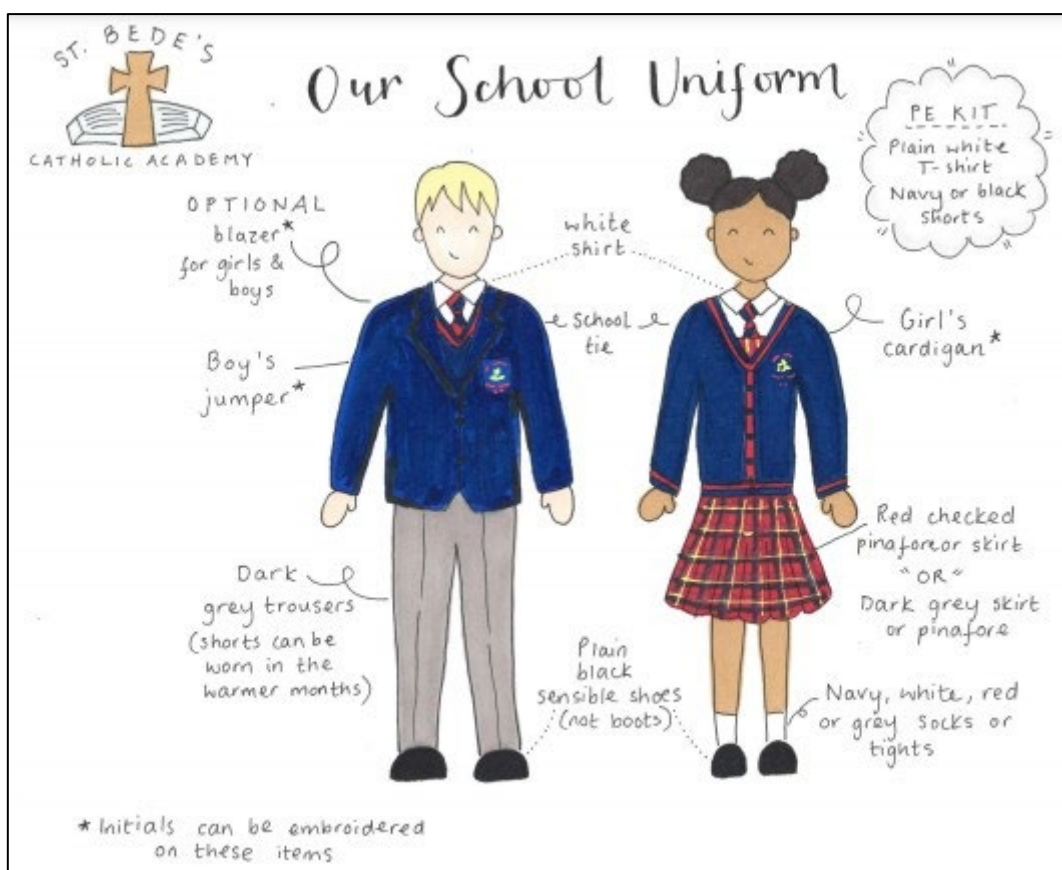
- **Promote equality**  
To create a sense of fairness and reduce peer pressure by minimising visible economic and social differences among pupils.
- **Encourage a sense of belonging**  
To help pupils feel part of the school community and take pride in representing the school.
- **Support a focused learning environment**  
To reduce distractions and support a professional atmosphere that is conducive to learning and achievement.
- **Foster discipline and responsibility**  
To encourage pupils to take responsibility for their appearance and to understand the importance of following guidelines and expectations.
- **Prepare pupils for the future**  
To help pupils 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. All items of uniform should be labelled with the pupil's full name.

### General Uniform:

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Navy blue Jumper/Cardigan	Required	Branded Navy blue with red piping and school badge. They are provided free of charge each year. <i>Plain Navy jumpers are not permitted.</i>
Plain white shirt	Required	Not branded
Grey Trousers	Required	Not branded Grey only
Grey or Tartan Skirt/Pinafore	Required (Tartan optional)	Grey skirt or pinafore not branded Tartan skirt or pinafore (see school shop)
School tie	Required	Branded (see school shop)
Blazer	Optional	Navy blazer with school logo (see school shop)
Red Checked Dress	Optional for warmer weather	Warmer weather
Grey Dress Shorts	Optional	Warmer weather
Socks/Tights	Required	Navy, red, grey or white
Shoes	Required	<b>Plain</b> black sensible shoes or trainers. No boots. <i>Note: Shoes can be purchased from any high-street retailer.</i>



## Outerwear

Item	Information
Outdoor Coats/Waterproofs	There will be reasonable adjustments made during adverse weather conditions. Snow suits and waterproofs will be allowed when there is snow.
Wellington Boots/Snow Boots	There will be reasonable adjustments made during adverse weather conditions. Boots will be allowed when there is snow. Shoes must be brought to change into when inside school.
Sunhats	During hot periods pupils should wear a sunhat and ensure they are adequately covered to avoid sunburn.

## PE Kit

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Plain white Polo Shirt	Required	Plain white Polo Shirt
Navy or black Shorts	Optional in warmer weather	Navy or black Shorts Not branded

Navy Tracksuit Bottoms or leggings	Required	Plain navy joggers or leggings Not branded They are provided free of charge each year.
Navy school hoodie	Required	Branded They are provided free of charge each year.

### PE Footwear

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

### General Appearance

<b>Hairstyles</b>	Hair should be a natural colour (one colour only). Hair should be tied back into a ponytail, where possible. The school reserves the right to decide that the cut and colour of a pupil's hair is inappropriate. Tramlines, Mohicans, extreme short sides, longer on top are examples of styles that are deemed inappropriate. Excessive beading to hair is not allowed. Shaved head are not allowed and haircut should be no shorter than a blade 3.
<b>Jewellery</b>	Pupils 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. No smart watches are permitted. During PE children will be asked to remove the earring or cover them up with surgical tape.
<b>Make-Up</b>	Face make-up, eye make-up and false tan are not acceptable. Nail varnish must not be worn in school. False nails (gel, acrylic, coloured tips etc.) are not permitted. Children will be asked to return to school the following day with make-up and nail varnish removed.
<b>Religious Head Coverings</b>	Pupils 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>School Bag</b>	Reasonable sized bag, suitable to carry school resources. School logo is optional and can be purchased from the school uniform shop.

#### **4. Ordering School Uniform**

Please note that additional uniform can be ordered through school or by contacting *Lollipops Uniform Supplies*

on: 01642 225827

or visit : [info@lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:info@lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk)

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

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

**Please see our school website for more details or contact our school Parent Support Advisor (PSA).**