



Uniform Policy

St Chad's Catholic School

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1	May 2026	To ensure compliance with Government guidelines.	

1. Introduction

St Chad’s Catholic School is part of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, and the uniform supports the high standards of Trust and the school. At St Chad’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 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 Sweatshirt/Cardigan	Required	Branded sweatshirt and cardigan available from school supplier or non-branded from regular retailers
White Polo Shirt	Required	Available from regular retailers
Grey Trousers	Required	Available from regular retailers
Grey Skirt/Pinafore	Required	Skirts must be knee length. Available from regular retailers
Blue & White Checked Dress	Optional	Available from regular retailers. Can be worn in summer term.
Grey Dress Shorts	Optional	Available from regular retailers.
White or Grey Socks/Tights	Required	Plain coloured socks (no sports socks)
Black Dress Shoes	Required	Plain black, formal, leather or leather style shoes which can be polished. No trainers, plimsolls, pumps, or boots.

Outerwear

Item	Information
Outdoor Coats/Waterproofs	Snow suits and waterproofs are recommended during adverse weather conditions. Reversible navy blue waterproof coat available through school supplier
Wellington Boots/Snow Boots	Wellington/snow boots are recommended during adverse weather conditions

Sunhats	During hot periods pupils should wear a sunhat and ensure they are adequately covered to avoid sunburn.
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PE Kit

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Plain White Polo T. Shirt	Required	School badge optional. Available from regular retailers
Navy Blue Shorts	Required	Unbranded and available from regular retailers
Navy Blue Tracksuit Bottoms	Required	Unbranded and available from regular retailers
Colour PE Fleece		

PE Footwear

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Black sandshoes/plimsolls	Required	
Plain Black or Plain White Trainers	Optional	Outdoor lessons only

General Appearance

Hairstyles	Hair should be a natural colour (one colour only). Shoulder length/long hair must be tied back into a ponytail. 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.
Jewellery	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.
Make-Up	Pupils are not permitted to wear make-up in school. Pupils 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.

Religious Head Coverings	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.
School Bag	Pupils should use a small sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold A4-sized workbooks comfortably without causing any damage. Toys and large keyrings should not be attached to bags or book-bags.

4. Ordering School Uniform

St Chad's uniform can be ordered from:

Cre8tive Graphics
 12 Peel Street,
 Bishop Auckland
 DL14 7LF

Or

From any high street store or supermarket

5. Uniform Assistance and Pre-loved School Uniform

Pre-Loved uniform can be requested and collected from the school office.

6. Links to Other Trust and School Policies:

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