



# Uniform Policy

**St Mary's, Barnard Castle**

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<b>Review History</b>			
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<b>Recent Revisions</b>			
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1	May 2026	To ensure compliance with Government guidelines.	

## **1. Introduction**

St Mary's Catholic Primary 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 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
Red Jumper/Cardigan	Required	Branded or non-branded
Powder blue Polo Shirt	Required	Branded or non-branded
Grey Trousers	Required	
Grey Skirt/Pinafore	Required	
Red Checked Dress	Optional	Summer Term
Grey Dress Shorts		Summer Term
Grey or black Socks/ White school socks Red or grey Tights	Required	
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/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.
Sunhats	During hot periods pupils should wear a sunhat and ensure they are adequately covered to avoid sunburn.

#### PE Kit

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Powder blue Polo Shirt	Required	Plain or branded

Red Shorts	Required	Plain shorts without logo Purchase from Etika at reasonable price or supermarkets
Black Tracksuit Bottoms	Required	Plain joggers available from supermarkets No branded/ striped or logos

### PE Footwear

Item	Required/Optional	Information
Black sandshoes/plimsolls	optional	
Trainers	Required	

### General Appearance

<b>Hairstyles</b>	Hair should be a natural colour (one colour only). Long hair should 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.
<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.
<b>Make-Up</b>	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.
<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>	Available from Etika with school logo (optional)

#### 4. Ordering School Uniform

Uniform can be ordered here:

etika  
Birtley Business Centre,  
Station Lane, Birtley,  
County Durham. DH3 1QT  
0191 925 0443  
Direct website link: <https://etikauniforms.co.uk/schools-page/st-marys-dl12/>

or from our pre- loved uniform bank in school.

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

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