St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

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Uniform Expectations

At St Wilfrid's our school uniform is a key part of our identity and visibly demonstrates our commitment to being part of our school community. A high standard of personal appearance is always expected, and all pupils are expected to wear their uniform correctly, consistently and with pride.

If a child arrives at school in non-uniform clothing, they may be required to change into items from the school uniform store, remain in the Reset Room until appropriate uniform is provided, or be subject to other reasonable measures determined by the school.
If a child comes to school in non-regulations, such as a hoodie or wearing jewellery, these may be confiscated.

To ensure that our uniform is as affordable as possible, the large majority of items can be purchased from any uniform supplier including supermarkets and department stores.

- Blazer badges are provided by school to a new starters [issued on transition days] or are available to purchase via Arbor Pay.
- School ties can be purchased at from our main reception
- Replacement school ties can be purchase via ArborPay
- Optional PE items can be purchased from Total Sport, Sunderland: https://totalsport.co.uk/

St Wilfrid's warmly welcomes donations of school uniform that your child has outgrown. These contributions go a long way in supporting other families within our school community.

If you're experiencing any difficulty in providing school uniform for your child, please feel free to get in touch with us. We have a limited selection of preloved uniform items that may be of help. In addition, South Tyneside Council works in partnership with Churches Together South Shields, the Key Project, and the Salvation Army during the summer holidays to collect, recycle, and distribute school uniforms to families in need.

The school reserves the right to determine whether an item complies with this policy. Decisions regarding the suitability of uniform items rest with the school and will be communicated to parents and carers where necessary.

St. Wilfrid's RC College Uniform - Years 7-11

- Black blazer with St Wilfrid's badge added
- Grey pleated knee-length skirt OR formal grey school trousers (fashion trousers are not permitted. This includes cropped, leggings and lycra)
- White shirt buttoned to neck
- Grey traditional woollen V-neck jumper [optional item, no other jumper / sweatshirt is allowed]
- School tie, green with gold diagonal stripes
- Plain black tights or white/black ankle socks
- Plain sensible black shoes [Trainers and boots are not permitted]
- A sensible outdoor coat, worn comfortably over the blazer, is required. This must be a formal coat; sweatshirts, tracksuits, leather or denim jackets, and hoodies are not permitted. Coats should not be worn

inside the building.

- Earrings, facial piercings and all other jewellery are not permitted
- Make up / fake tan is not allowed
- Fashion accessories, coloured nails, nail or eyelash extensions are not allowed
- Extreme hairstyles, shaved patterns, and unnatural hair colours are not permitted






Guidance on school shoes

Acceptable footwear includes traditional black school shoes with a formal appearance. Shoes should have a plain black leather or leather-look finish, a low-profile sole, and no sports branding or trainer-style features. Both lace-up and Velcro-fastened school shoes are permitted.

To provide further clarity, characteristics commonly associated with trainers which are unacceptable include:

- Thick athletic soles
- Sports styling
- Padded collars and tongues
- Mesh or technical fabrics
- Sports branding
- Visible cushioning or performance features

Where there is uncertainty, the overall appearance of the shoe rather than a single feature will determine whether it is acceptable.

Approved styles






Not approved styles






PE Kit

The PE uniform is as follows:

- Plain White polo shirt [no logo]
- Black games shorts
- Black sports/football socks
- Black 1/4 zip PE sweatshirt [optional]
- Black tracksuit bottoms or school PE pants/leggings with logo [optional]
- Trainers

Pupils will complete a range of sporting activities throughout their time at St Wilfrid's RC College. Within several of these activities it is recommended that pupils have safety equipment including shin pads for football and mouth guards for rugby. Football boots are also recommended for any activity taking part on our school field in wet conditions. We would encourage they use these items within lessons

Equipment List

It is essential that every pupil is provided with an appropriate bag for carrying exercise and textbooks to and from school. This ensures that books and equipment are kept in good condition

All pupils must provide their own stationery equipment which must include:

- Black pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Rubber

- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Planner

Pupils will be issued with a homework diary that they must bring to school each day. Families are asked to sign this weekly. It is also recommended that pupils bring a filled bottle of water with them. Only water is allowed to be consumed in lessons. Energy drinks are not allowed in school and will be confiscated.

At St Wilfrid's RC College, high standards of uniform, equipment and personal presentation reflect our commitment to excellence, readiness to learn and pride in belonging to our school community. We ask for the support of all parents and carers in ensuring these expectations are met every day.