



## Uniform Policy

At St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School we take pride in being a strong community of faith and of learning. 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 practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting to learning;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when on the way to and from school, when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Additional guidance on school uniform is available for parents and staff and should be read in conjunction with this policy.

### School Uniform

- Full length black trousers that are of a smart tailored appearance and fitted to the waist ;  
*or*
- a plain black school skirt that is at least knee length;
- please consult the additional guidance on suitable school trousers and school skirts;
- School blazer with the school badge;
- White school shirt;
- School tie;
- Black socks or black opaque tights;
- Black school shoes (without logos) suitable for a working environment;
- A sensible/ practical school coat;

*Optional:*

- *Black school jumper with green neck trim may be worn with the blazer but is not compulsory.*

Pupils must wear the uniform correctly at all times.

- Their top button must be done up;
- Their shirt is tucked in;
- Their tie is not worn shorter than their waist;
- Their blazer is worn at all times except when given permission by a teacher to remove it.

Any breaking of these rules will result in a sanction being applied.



## PE Kit

- School rugby shirt;
- Black socks;
- Black shorts or black jogging bottoms;
- Plain white t-shirt (school logo optional- no other logos allowed);
- Studded boots needed for some terms, dates to be advised;
- Shin pads;
- Training shoes (black soles not allowed as they mark the sports hall floor).

## Jewellery

Only the following items of jewellery are permitted:

- a small chain worn inside the shirt;
- one small pair of earrings worn in the earlobe.

For health and safety reasons jewellery must be removed for PE lessons and in practical lessons as instructed by staff. Excess jewellery will be confiscated and kept until the end of term.

## Hair and Hairstyles:

All hairstyles must be neat and tidy and appropriate for a working environment. No extreme hairstyles or colours are permitted. Please consult the additional guidance for full details.

## Make-up

Make-up must be natural and kept to a minimum. No false nails or nail treatments of any kind.

Additional uniform guidance is available on our school website [www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk).

## The role of governors

The Governing Body has is responsible for ensuring that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. The Governing Body 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.

## The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to the school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty and responsibility to send their children to school dressed in the correct uniform and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents will be contacted if issues over uniform are ongoing and will be asked to take steps to correct this issue.

## The role of pupils

Pupils are responsible for wearing full and correct uniform on the way to and from school, at school and when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. They are ambassadors of our school and we look to them wearing their uniform with a strong sense of pride and belonging.



**The role of staff**

Staff are responsible for encouraging, promoting and monitoring high standards of uniform as well as imposing sanctions for non-compliance. They will also work with pupils and staff to help to resolve any problems.