

Uniform Policy

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1. Introduction

Uniform is an important part of who we are. As well as making sure you're identifiable as a member of St Aidan's, being smartly dressed and taking pride in our uniform creates unity and reflects the ethos of our school.

This policy has been written with consideration to the [Equality Act 2010](#), and the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the [cost of school uniforms](#).

It is our aim to ensure that our uniform policy is clear, inclusive and affordable.

School uniform should be worn correctly, including on the way to and from school. Students who persistently wear incorrect uniform may be subject to disciplinary action.

The school will consider reasonable requests to alter the uniform, for example for genuine religious requirements and reasonable adjustments for disabled children. Please speak with the Headteacher if you think this applies.

2. Uniform requirements

2.1. Main School Uniform

- Navy blue V-necked St Aidan's (branded) jumper or cardigan.
- White shirt/blouse with school tie – the tie should cover the fastened top button of the shirt. Shirts must always be tucked in. A similar short sleeved shirt/blouse may be worn in summer (with tie).
- Lanyard- compulsory lanyard in the year group colour
- All students in year groups 7-10 must wear black trousers in a tailored style, i.e. no jeans or leggings style. Skin-tight trousers are not acceptable.
- Plain black flat heeled leather shoes and black ankle socks (no trainer socks).
- St Aidan's hoodies may be worn outdoors and for PE. No other hoodies are permitted.

2.2. Year 11

- Year 11 students may choose to wear trousers as above or a pleated navy skirt again as supplied by uniform retailers. This should be of sensible length no more than 3 inches above the knee with plain dark navy/black thick tights. Straight pencil skirts are not acceptable. There is also a different Year 11 tie which must be worn.

2.3. PE

- St Aidan's navy (branded) sport t-shirt (there are 2 styles available)
- Skort or plain navy shorts or plain navy leggings or plain navy tracksuit bottoms
- Navy football / hockey socks
- White ankle socks (not trainer socks)
- Shin pads
- Football boots (moulded studs suitable for our 3G pitch)

- Trainers – one pair suitable for inside and outside use (these must be clean for indoor use)
- St Aidan's (branded) PE hooded sweatshirt

Other branded optional items are available to purchase.

2.4. Accessories

- The only jewellery permitted other than a watch is a small gold/silver cross and chain. If ears are pierced, one pair of small gold/silver studs may be worn. Make-up may be worn discreetly but should not be excessive. False nails/acrylics or false eyelashes are not permitted as they are not appropriate in the school working environment and can pose a risk when doing practical work in many subjects. Hair, too, should be kept tidy and smart. No extreme styles are allowed.

2.5. Lanyards

Lanyards are a compulsory part of the school uniform in all year groups. All students will be given a lanyard with an ID card when they start at St Aidan's. If a lanyard is lost or misplaced, these can be purchased through school via ParentPay

3. Purchasing Uniform

3.1. Supplier Partners

Uniform can be purchased from:

- Emblazon, 37 – 39 Tower Street, Harrogate HG1 1HS (01423 529935)
- Rawcliffes, Rawcliffe Corner, 63 East Parade, Town Centre, Harrogate HG1 5LB

Unbranded plain items of uniform, such as trousers and skirts, can be purchased from any high street/supermarket store but please note that no branding should be visible, and items must be recognisable as school-wear, i.e. no skinny trousers/leggings.

3.2. Second-hand Uniform

FOSA organise the sale of second-hand uniform on various occasions throughout the school year. Please keep an eye out for dates in school communications.

4. Lost property

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly named, this helps mislaid items find their way back to their owners. It is the responsibility of the pupils to look after their uniform and we cannot be responsible for items which are lost.

If an item of uniform does become misplaced then please check the school's lost property collection, located on the bag racks between Maths and History.

5. Review

We understand that purchasing uniform can be a costly outlay for parents/carers. We strive to keep these costs down by limiting the number of compulsory items branded with the school logo, and also by regularly reviewing the cost of supply with our supplier partners.

Any concerns about the quality and durability of uniform should firstly be addressed with the supplier direct, and where it relates to one of our supplier partners please also make the school office aware so that the value for money aspect may be considered during our next supplier review.

6. Complaints

Should you want to raise a concern about the uniform policy please follow the school complaints procedure.

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Behaviour Policy