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Uniform Policy

Mission statement and the ethos of Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School

School uniform is an essential component in how we uphold high standards at Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School. We believe that school uniform creates a sense of community and supports equality. At the same time, we want uniform to be affordable for families. Limited support is available to support families experiencing hardship.

Formation of this document

The basis of this document has followed government guidance that can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

This document has been written collaboratively by the following stakeholders:

- The Black History Focus Group;
- Our parent group.

Aims

1. We will make school uniform as affordable as possible, providing parents and carers with options for some parts of the uniform;
2. We will choose a school uniform that allows pupils to feel part of a community and to feel that they are equal;
3. We will communicate our expectations about uniform clearly and consistently to pupils, parents, carers and other interested parties;
4. Where possible, we will offer support to families who need help or assistance with providing school uniform for their child/children;
5. We will encourage families to recycle used school uniform that is in clean and good condition;
6. We will review the uniform policy regularly to ensure that it remains reasonable and as affordable as possible.

Uniform for pupils identifying as male:

- Plain black shoes (no sports logos whatsoever – e.g. Adidas, Nike, Lonsdale etc);
- Navy blue blazer with a school badge (if pupils wish to wear an outside jacket, they may do so, but not at the expense of a blazer);
- White shirt;
- The tie for that particular year group (see appendices at the end of this document);
- Medium grey plain school trousers (only plain black or navy socks should be worn with trousers);
- Plain navy blue V-necked pullover (optional);
- A Duke of Edinburgh fleece can be worn but this must be in addition to a shirt and tie;
- Plain grey, black or navy blue socks (no sports socks);
- If a durag is worn, it must be navy blue or black.

Pupils identifying as non-binary, gender fluid, transgender (this list is not exhaustive)

As above.

Pupils identifying as female:

- Plain black shoes (no sports logos whatsoever – e.g. Adidas, Nike, Lonsdale etc);
- Navy blue blazer with a school badge (if pupils wish to wear an outside jacket, they may do so, but not at the expense of a blazer);
- White shirt or blouse;
- The tie for that particular year group (see appendices at the end of this document);
- Navy blue pleated skirt approximately knee length or school skirt with badge;
- Pupils must wear plain black or navy tights with a skirt (for reasons of consistency, socks must not be worn with tights);
- Navy blue school full length trousers (the following are not permitted: leggings, tight trousers, jeggings, skinny fit trousers. Only plain black or navy socks should be worn with trousers);
- Plain navy blue V-necked pullover/cardigan (optional);
- A Duke of Edinburgh fleece can be worn but this must be in addition to a shirt and tie;
- If a Hijab is worn it must be navy blue or black – school tie must be visible.

Items that are not permitted

- Trainers (defined as anything with a sports logo on or footwear that cannot be polished) are not permitted;
- Hoodies or hooded sweatshirts;
- Sweatshirts;
- Tracksuit tops (especially Nike Tech Fleece).

Other items, jewellery and accessories that are not permitted

- Caps;
- Balaclavas;
- Small pouch size bags;
- False nails;
- False eye lashes;
- Ear rings;
- Nose rings;
- Energy drinks and fizzy drinks are also not permitted on the school site.

Summer uniform

Summer uniform can be worn until October half term and after the May half term. It consists of the following:

- Pale blue with the school badge (or a plain blue shirt);
- School trousers or skirts;
- School shoes

Ties do not have to be worn if pupils are wearing the summer shirt.

Extreme heat in the summer

If temperatures become exceedingly hot (usually above 30 degrees), school may decide to adapt uniform accordingly (for example, allowing pupils not to wear ties or allowing pupils to wear PE kit). This will be communicated by the School and parents

and carers will be informed of the modifications. Parents, carers and pupils should wait for this communication before any adaptations are made to the uniform as this undermines the sense of community and notion of equality outlined in the first paragraph of this document.

P.E. kit

- Ilsley branded T-shirt
- Ilsley branded shorts
- Ilsley branded socks

Optional Extras to the P.E. kit:

- Quarter zip top
- Ilsley branded tracksuit bottoms
- Ilsley branded leggings

If there are any issues with obtaining the school P.E. kit, please contact Mr Hemmings, Head of P.E, via the school office.

Purchasing school uniform and P.E. kit

Most supermarkets will stock some of the basic items of our school uniform.

School specific items such as blazers, school skirts, school ties and PE kit can be purchased from the Midlands Schoolwear shop situated in Acocks Green, opposite the pupil entrance to school on the Warwick Road.

For parents and carers whose children have left Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School, we are always grateful if you are able to donate any items of school uniform which are in good, clean condition so that we can support families in need.

If you are struggling to provide uniform for your child, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year. Your enquiry will be dealt with discretely and sensitively. The Fox Hollies Forum sometimes operates a 'swap shop' over the summer where uniform can be exchanged and is sometime free.

C. Clinton

Mr Clinton
Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

APPENDIX 1 - TIES (FOR THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR)

The different ties for different year groups

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11

