



School Uniform Policy

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10: 10

Rationale

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.

As a school we believe that our uniform can instil pride, support positive behaviour and discipline, encourage identity with, and support for, the school ethos, ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome, protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way, and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. Above all, we believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

In writing this policy, due consideration has been made to ensure the cost of uniform is reasonable, and offers the best value for money for parents and carers.

Aims of the Policy

The aim of this policy is to set out the uniform expectations for all pupils and students.

Expectations for school uniform

Pupils must wear their **full** school uniform at **all** times, including when on the school site, on the journey to and from school, and when on a school trip or event.

Pupils must wear their blazer in the school building at all times, unless given permission to remove the blazer by a member of staff. Where there is a period of prolonged hot weather, the Headteacher will make temporary alterations to the uniform policy.

No hats or coats are permitted to be worn inside the school building.

School uniform Years 7-11

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| Blazer | |
| Saint Cecilia's maroon blazer with embroidered badge | Compulsory item Only available from Stevensons |
| Shirt/blouse | |
| White shirt/blouse with traditional/classic style collar and top button | Compulsory item Shirts must be long enough to be tucked into trousers/skirts fully. |
| School tie | |
| School tie with the appropriate house-colour stripe | Compulsory item Only available from Stevensons or school Reception |
| Boys'/Girls' trousers | |
| Must be charcoal grey in colour Must be conventional school-wear material – not Lycra or denim Must be regular, straight or tailored fit – skin-tight style is not permitted. | Compulsory item for boys |
| Skirt (girls) | |
| Skirt must be fully-pleated and knee-length Must be charcoal grey in colour | Either trousers or skirt compulsory item for girls |
| Jumper | |
| Saint Cecilia's grey V-neck jumper with green stripe | Optional item Only available through Stevensons |
| Socks or tights | |
| Plain black, grey or white socks or Plain black or flesh-coloured tights | Compulsory item Not trainer socks No white socks with trousers |
| Shoes | |
| Conventional black 'leather' school shoes that do not cover the ankle | Compulsory item The following are not appropriate: trainers, canvas shoes, open-toed footwear, high heels, boots. |
| Coats | |
| Sensible plain colour coat with no significant logos, suitable for the weather conditions | Hooded tops/jumpers are not appropriate Must not be worn in the school building. |
| Scarves, winter hat | |
| Can be worn in colder months with a coat. | Must not be worn around the school building. |
| Bags | |
| Suitable size to carry all equipment and books for the day. Must be at least A4 size. | Handbags, pouches are not appropriate. |

Any other items not listed are not part of the school policy and should not be worn.

Dress code

- Hair should be in keeping with the smart look of the uniform and be of a conventional length and style. Colour should be natural.
- Shaved patterns or lines in hair or eyebrows are not permitted.
- Religious head coverings (as agreed by the school) are permitted to be worn. These head coverings must be plain black, or can be plain white in the Summer Term.
- Decorative hair adornments (including decorative headscarves, flowers, bandanas) are not permitted.
- Make up, nail polish, nail extensions, false nails and eye lash extensions are inappropriate for school and are therefore not permitted.
- Jewellery may be worn within the following limits and brought to school at the pupil's own risk:
 - one watch
 - one plain ring
 - a cross and chain or other religious symbol, worn underneath the uniform
 - one pair of small stud earrings, one in the lobe of each ear
- Jewellery worn in body piercings is not permitted (for example: nose studs, tongue studs, eyebrow rings or other body jewellery, even when worn under clothing).
- Tattoos, including henna tattoos, are not permitted.

Where parents give their children permission to have piercings or henna tattoos during holiday periods, the healing process for piercings must have ended and all jewellery removed by the time school recommences, and signs of tattoos must not be visible.

PE Kit Years 7-11

The Saint Cecilia's PE kit is available from Stevensons. Pupils are expected to wear the correct branded PE kit for PE/Games lessons and for fixtures. The wearing of non-Saint Cecilia's kit is not permitted, including commercial brands such as Nike or Adidas. Pupils are allowed to wear plain black skins underneath their correct branded PE kit.



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| <p>Boys</p> <p>Compulsory items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby Jersey • Shorts • Maroon Sports Socks • Appropriate footwear <p>Optional items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midlayer • Elite T-Shirt • Trackpants |  <p>The image displays six categories of boys' sports attire. The top row shows three pairs: maroon socks, black shorts with maroon trim, and a black rugby jersey with maroon sleeves. The bottom row shows three pairs: a black t-shirt with maroon sleeves, a black midlayer with maroon trim, and black tapered trackpants with maroon trim. Each item is labeled with its category name in small text below it.</p> |
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Footwear can be purchased at high street retailers, but must be appropriate for the sports studied in lessons.

Sixth form dress code

Unlike the lower years, Sixth Form students are not required to wear a school uniform. They are expected to dress appropriately for an educational environment and in keeping with the Christian character and ethos of the school. The school takes great pride in the Sixth Formers and the role they play in setting the standard for the rest of our pupils in the main school. Where there is a period of prolonged hot weather, the Headteacher will make temporary alterations to the uniform policy, for example allowing the wearing of formal knee length shorts, but not sports shorts.

Temporary adjustments to uniform policy

School-wide adjustment

On occasion, such as during particularly hot spells, a temporary adjustment may be made to the school uniform policy at the discretion of the Headteacher. Changes to the uniform policy will be communicated to parents/carers/pupils and will be time-limited.

Individual adjustment

On occasions, it may be necessary for appropriate adjustments to be made to the pupil dress code to support the child. Such adjustments are made on a case-by-case basis. Any adjustments will need to be discussed with one of the Deputy Headteachers prior to the child arriving to school in any alternative/non-uniform item. Where a change is required due to a medical need, a doctor's note will be required.

Transgressions

We reserve the right to make a decision in school on the suitability of any uniform item or on the appropriateness of a pupil's appearance. Pupils and students who are in breach of the School Uniform Policy will be offered a substitute item or support to correct the issue, so that the pupil can return to lessons. Where this is not possible the pupil may be asked to work away from other pupils for the remainder of the day.

Where a pupil wears an additional item of clothing/accessory that does not conform with this policy, the item will be confiscated and returned to the pupil at the end of the day. Where there are repeated incidents, the item will be confiscated for a longer period and the parent will be informed.

Examples of permissible school wear

White blouse/shirt



Charcoal grey fully pleated skirt (knee length)



Charcoal grey trousers

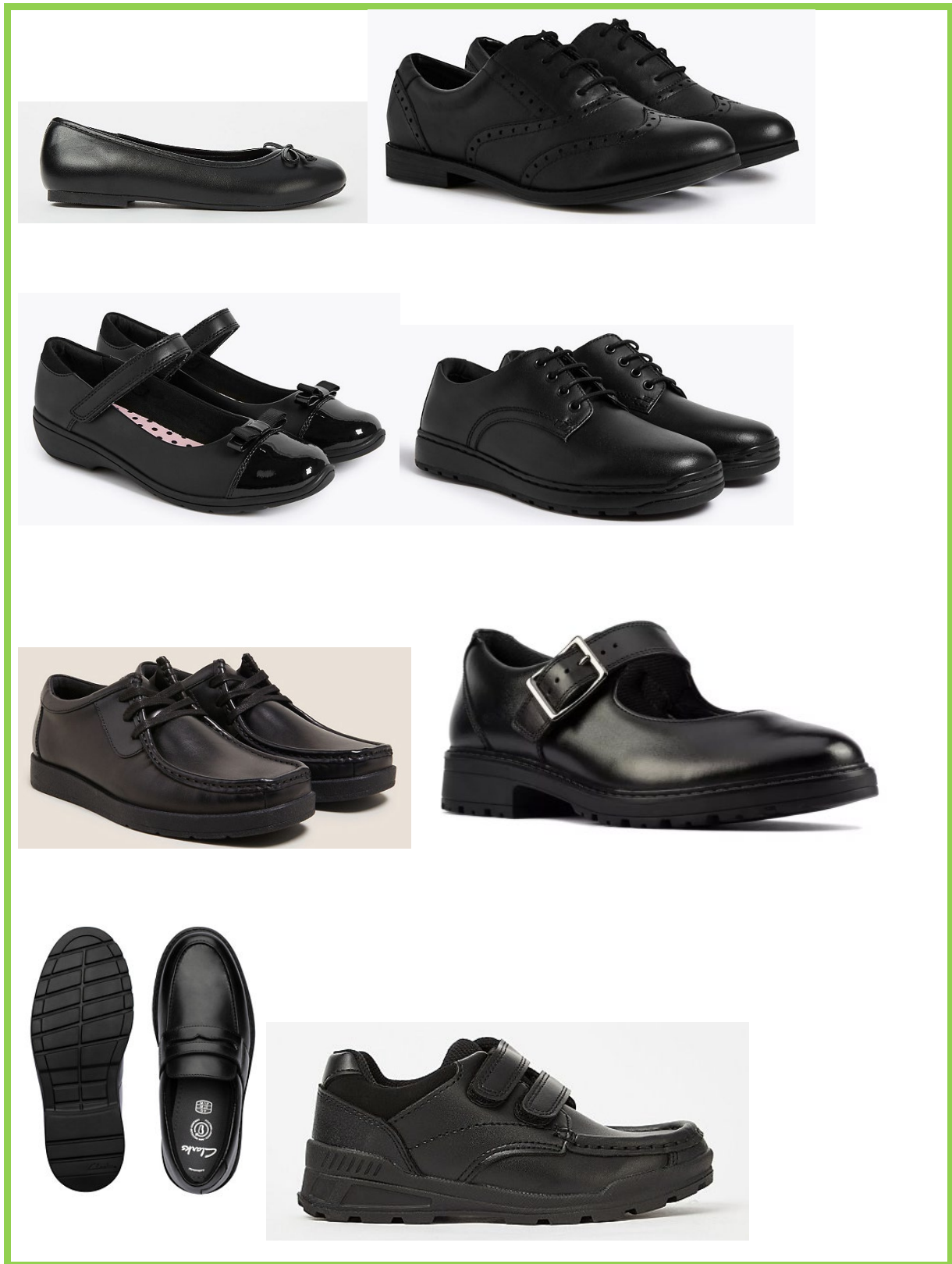


Dark or white socks



Suitable footwear

The following shoes show styles appropriate for school and fitting with the uniform policy.



Unsuitable footwear

The following shoes are not appropriate for school and do not meet the requirements of the uniform policy.



Uniform supplier

All Saint Cecilia's branded items (blazer, jumper, tie, PE kit) are available from our chosen school uniform supplier, Stevensons. Items can be purchased via their website www.stevensons.co.uk or from their shop 1-15 Heath Road, Twickenham, TW1 4DB.

All other items can be purchased from high street shops.

Each year, The Friends of Saint Cecilia's will run a second-hand uniform sale.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

To do this we will:

- Limit the number of compulsory branded items to a minimum, to ensure families are able to purchase as much as possible from other retailers, without compromising the look or quality of our school uniform.
- Ensure our uniform is available at a reasonable cost and work with our suppliers to ensure the cost remains as low as possible.
- Work with our parent teacher association, The Friends of Saint Cecilia's, to provide a second-hand uniform sale each year.
- Avoid frequent changes to uniform specifications to minimise the financial impact on families.

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