




Bishop Wilkinson

Catholic Education Trust
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Uniform Policy

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| Signed by the Chair |  |
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Introduction

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. At St Leonard's, we firmly believe that uniform should be:

- uniform and not open to various interpretations
- distinctive and smart
- easily and readily available
- reasonably priced

Main School Uniform

Boys Years 7-11

- Navy blue school blazer with school badge
- Light blue shirt with button at neck
- School tie
- Navy-blue V neck jumper (optional)
- Charcoal grey school style trousers (no chinos, jean-type or skinny fit trousers).
- Shoes are to be black leather, plain, formal and polished. Laces and stitching are to be black. Boots, black trainers, plimsols, suede, canvas or casual shoes are not permitted
- Socks are to be plain dark grey or black

Girls Year 7-11

- Navy blue school blazer with school badge
- Light blue shirt with button at neck (with school tie) or a light blue reverse collared blouse (without a tie)
- Navy-blue V neck jumper (optional)
- Approved navy-blue drop waist pleated school style skirt of '**close to knee length**' or navy-blue school style straight legged trousers, not lycra or elastane
- Shoes are to be black leather, plain, formal and polished. Plain leather or patent leather. Laces and stitching are to be black. Boots, black trainers, plimsols, suede, canvas, high heels, Vivienne Westwood style plastic shoes or casual shoes are not permitted
- Plain Black tights (minimum 60 denier) to be worn with skirt. No knee length socks allowed Black or dark grey socks to be worn with trousers

All pupils

- Shirts are to be worn tucked into trousers or skirt
- Blazers should be always worn. No fashion belts may be worn
- No piercings of any type including clear retainers
- School tie worn correctly from the neck to the waist

- All are expected to have a suitable bag with a zip fastening to carry books and equipment • All forms of jewellery, false eyelashes, acrylic nails and nail varnish are not permitted in school.
- Watches are allowed but they must not be smart watches.
- Extreme haircuts including shaved patterns, very close cuts / skin fades and coloured/ two toned hair dyes are not permitted.
- Visible make-up is not permitted.

Uniform Suppliers: Our branded school uniform can be purchased online from **Price & Buckland** or in person by visiting Parkins School Wear and Men's Wear, in Durham City Centre. Non-branded uniform is available from many retail outlets. Whilst the School does not require parents to purchase all uniform from a particular supplier, the school has entered partnership with Price & Buckland who hold an approved stock of main school uniform. All items for sale from Price & Buckland have been approved as acceptable school uniform.

Other Suppliers: Sainsbury's and Tesco currently stock charcoal grey trousers which match the approved style and colour for boys in Years 7-11. Please note that trousers from other suppliers may vary in both colour and style.

Pre-loved uniform: As a school we aim to keep costs down and to provide more sustainable options when it comes to uniform. We gratefully receive donations of pre-loved uniform in good condition, including PE kit and are very happy to offer this uniform to families on request.

Summer Adaptations: The school has the same uniform all year round. If we experience exceptional levels of heat in the summer we relax the policy appropriately. The first stage would be to allow pupils not to wear ties / blazers. If the heatwave is prolonged we allow pupils to wear their PE kit. We communicate in these circumstances on a daily basis to parents and pupils so that they know what adaptations are in place.

Equipment: Pupils are asked to bring this equipment every day:

- Pencil Case
- 2 blue or black pens
- Green pen
- Highlighter
- 2 pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick
- A set of coloured pencils
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Uniform Worn Correctly

Pupils who fail to wear uniform correctly will be dealt with according to the School's Behaviour Policy. The statutory guidance on uniform from the Department for Education states:

“Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school’s rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school’s published behaviour policy.”

PE Uniform

Please note, we have offered optional items of PE kit to ensure all pupils are comfortable and confident whilst participating in sport.

| Boys | Girls | Compulsory/Optional |
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| Shorts (32303) | Shorts (32303) or Skort (32315) | Compulsory |
| Unisex Polo Shirt (6100) | Unisex Polo Shirt (6100) | Compulsory |
| Plain white socks | Plain white socks | Compulsory |
| Trainers (not plimsoles or high tops) | Trainers (not plimsoles or high tops) | Compulsory |
| PE Navy Hoodie (30853) | PE Navy Hoodie (30853) | Optional |
| Tracksuit Bottoms (6800) | Tracksuit Bottoms (6800) | Optional |
| Tracksuit Top (6611) | Tracksuit Top (6611) | Optional |
| Slimfit Tracksuit Bottoms (34458) | Slimfit Tracksuit Bottoms (34458) | Optional |
| Unisex Training Top (6600) | Unisex Training Top (6600) | Optional |
| Reversible Sports Shirt (6400) | Sports Leggings (34459) Or plain navy sports leggings (lycra not cotton) | Optional |