



St Dunstan's Catholic School

Drayton Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LP

Thursday, 17th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank Parents and Carers for their support in raising the standards of our school uniform. We continue to set high expectations of our pupil's appearance and uniform and I am certain you will agree the improvements since September 2023, have been significant.

It has been noted lately however that some pupils are again not arriving in school, in the correct uniform. Can I remind parents that if an item of clothing is not listed, it is not uniform. Parents/carers will be asked to take their child/children home to change into the correct uniform should this continue.

I have also been concerned by the number of children who do not have their PE kit in school or are not wearing the correct PE kit. PE is a compulsory element of the National Curriculum for all children. Pupils who fail to have their PE kit in school will be required to borrow spare PE kit.

There are minimal uniform items that require the school logo, these are available from three suppliers. All other uniform staples are available locally from George at Asda, Tesco's, Next and Sainsbury's etc.

If parents/carers are having difficulties in providing the correct school uniform or PE kit for their child, please make an appointment to speak to myself or Mrs Keating as soon as possible.

This list is the uniform of the school, if an item of clothing is not listed, then it is not uniform and should not be worn.

Boys Years 1 to 6

- Grey trousers
- Hard collar white shirt (short or long sleeves) with school tie
- Maroon V-neck sweatshirt **with embroidered logo**
- Maroon and white school tie (Years 1 and 2: elastic; Years 3 – 6 traditional ties)

Optional Summer Uniform (Easter to July)

- Grey trousers or tailored shorts
- White polo shirt **(with school logo)**
- Maroon V-neck sweatshirt **with embroidered logo**

Girls: Years 1 – 6

- Grey skirt or tailored trousers. **Cycling shorts and skorts are not permitted.**
- Grey pinafore dress (Years 1 and 2 only) **Playsuits are not permitted.**
- Hard collar white shirt (short or long sleeves) with school tie
- Maroon V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan **with embroidered logo**
- Maroon school tie (Years 1 and 2: elastic; Years 3 – 6 traditional ties)
- Black or grey tights optional (no colours or patterns)

Optional Summer Uniform (Easter to July)

- Grey skirt or tailored trousers. Cycling shorts and skorts are not permitted.
- White polo shirt **(with school logo)**
- Gingham dress (colour range pink to maroon) Playsuits and skorts are not permitted
- Maroon V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan **with embroidered logo**
- White socks

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Reception: Boys and Girls (Uniform is optional for Nursery children)

- Grey skirt or tailored trousers with elasticated waist
- Grey pinafore dress
- Maroon V-neck sweatshirt **with embroidered logo**
- Black shoes (must be slip-on or Velcro fastening)

PE Kit (Please remember that PE is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum).

- White round neck t-shirt **(with school logo)**
- Plain maroon PE shorts
- Black pumps slip-on or Velcro strap
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms (optional for outdoor PE only, during the winter).

Injuries and Illness

All pupils must have the correct P.E. kit in school even if they are not going to be actively involved as a performer. If a pupil is injured or unwell, a signed note from the parent must be provided to the teacher. Pupils who are excused will still need to change into their P.E. Kit as they will be involved in the lesson through the role of coach, umpire/referee or leader. It is our expectation that if your child is well enough to come to school, they are well enough to take part in P.E.

Although P.E. is timetabled each week, there will be occasions when a lesson has to be switched, or an additional opportunity for P.E. presents itself, therefore it is essential that P.E. kits are in school every day.

Forgotten PE Kit

Pupils who fail to bring in the correct P.E. kit or forget their P.E. kit will be required to borrow spare school kit.

Shoes

- All shoes must be plain black with a covered toe (for health and safety reasons)>
- Boots, trainers, sports shoes or heels **are not permitted.**

Additional Equipment and Information

- Maroon School Reading Book Bag required for all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Pupils do not need another bag.
- Rucksacks are not allowed in these classes – they are too large to store safely and your child will be asked to keep them at home. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 may have either a School Reading Book Bag or a Rucksack
- Every child should have a drawstring bag suitable for holding his/her PE kit in school at all times.
- Maroon, black or white plain cap to be worn on school visits and during the school day in hot weather (we do not allow fashion caps or football team caps).

Hair Style Rules

No extreme/fashion haircuts are allowed for boys or girls

- During term time, fashion hairstyles which include shaved, dyed, tramlines, undercut or Mohawks are not permitted. If the Headteacher deems the haircut to be extreme you will be asked to rectify it at the hairdresser/barber – please note that this is not a matter for debate, appropriate hairstyles are part of the agreed uniform policy and as such parents are required to support the school in applying that policy.
- Long hair must be worn in a plait, bun or pony tail/s **at all times** to minimise exposure to head lice (hair ties and bows in **maroon, black or white** – **no fashion hair bows** except on theme days or non-uniform days) – please note that hair rules apply equally to boys and girls
- Pupils are not allowed to colour their hair during term time and any colours added for fun etc. must be gone before pupils return to school

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Jewellery Rules

No jewellery allowed including earrings (no studs and no earring retainers)

- KS2 children may wear a watch (but not a 'smart' watch with internet connectivity), teachers cannot be responsible for minding them.
- Please ensure that ears are pierced in the summer holidays to allow enough time for the hole to remain open without retainers
- Pupils that wear earrings to school will be asked to remove them or you will be telephoned and asked to come and remove them

Make Up Rules

No nail polish or make up is allowed

- Pupils arriving in make up or nail polish will be asked to remove it and will be provided with materials to do so

Where to buy St Dunstan's uniform with embroidered logo?

1. Clive Mark in Kings Heath, Poplar road, Birmingham, B14 7AD www.clivemark.co.uk
2. My Clothing, part of Tesco Direct. Search for our school by postcode **B14 7LP** <https://myclothing.com/school-uniform/11690.school>
3. [School Uniform Direct www.sud.co.uk](http://www.sud.co.uk)

Most uniform staples, as mentioned above, can be purchased at George at Asda, Tesco's, Next and Sainsbury's etc.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Each year we have opportunities throughout the year for donated and second hand uniform to be shared with parents (we will advise you of this in school newsletters). At the end of each term, we send pre-loved uniform looking for a new home to the **Rubery Uniform Swap Shop** (<https://www.ruberyswapshop.co.uk/schools>) if parents want to be more sustainable and get some perfectly good, second hand logo uniform items.

Families do not have to take an item to swap - you can just request items you need for free, that includes wellies, trainers, coats etc... See [Uniform Swap Shop Flyer](#)

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