



## St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

Years 7 - 11

## Uniform Policy

2021-2022

**Reviewed and Approved by Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes Committee**

**On: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Reviewed and Ratified by the Full Governing Body**

**On: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Next review date: Spring 2022**

**SLT are responsible for oversight of this policy's implementation**

## **Mission Statement**

### **MAY WE BE ONE**

In purpose – educating for life in all its fullness

In faith – encountering God who lives among us, calling us to unity

In dignity – nurturing confidence and maturity

In community – striving together for justice, love and peace

The Collective Worship Policy is linked to all aspects of the school's mission, however it is especially connected to the manner in which we promote students' encounter with God in the context of our call to unity.

## **Uniform**

- We expect support from parents and carers with regard to school uniform and student appearance so that our students are a credit to themselves, their families and the school.
- The purpose of our students' uniform code is to encourage a smart appearance which also promotes a feeling of pride and self-respect.
- We enforce our expectations with all students so that they experience consistency.
- The code is designed to be in keeping with an atmosphere in school which is focused on learning.
- It also gives due consideration to the health and safety of our students.
- Students represent the school beyond our school gates, and are covered by the behaviour policy travelling to and from school.
- If a student is unable to wear full uniform on a particular day, this must be covered by a note from a parent or carer, and corrected uniform will be expected on the following day.
- Students not wearing the correct uniform send out a signal to other students that uniform is not important. We may remove from circulation a student who does not comply with our school uniform policy without good reason, as this will be seen as defiance. Alternatively, or in addition, if the school considers that the non-compliance is deliberate, the full range of sanctions, including exclusion, may be used. A student may be sent home to correct their uniform.
- Any temporary requests for variation to normal uniform on medical grounds must be supported by medical evidence, such as a Doctor's note.
- Students are expected to wear full school uniform throughout the school year and to replace items which are outgrown immediately.
- The decision of the school regarding uniform and appearance is final.

**The Uniform Code forms part of the Home-School Agreement**, and adherence to the code is essential to achieve the following aims:-

- 1 Achieve a clear and positive identity for the school and its students.
- 2 Give an indication that we are a well-ordered and disciplined school that sets **high standards** in all matters.
- 3 Ensure students are in full uniform **in school and on the way to and from school**.
- 4 Provide practical but **smart** and ‘business like’ clothing suitable both for use within school and for movement around our site.
- 5 Help parents and carers by requiring reasonably priced school wear which protects the students from pressure to conform to the whims of fashion.

**The supplier for our school uniform and school PE kit is: Bartletts School Wear, 52 King Street, Wimborne, BH21 1EB, Tel: 01202 856205.**

**Please note Bartletts do not accept cheques.**

**Bartletts offer a weekly delivery service to the school for deliveries and returns.**

**We keep a small stock of pre-worn school uniform for sale. Please enquire for details.**

## All Years - Boys' Uniform Code

<b>BLAZER &amp; TROUSERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation black school blazer and regulation black school trousers as supplied by our outfitters</li><li>• Blazers must be worn between lessons and when walking around the school</li></ul>
<b>SHORTS (Summer term until end of October only)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation black school shorts with St. Edward's badge logo embroidered on the bottom of one leg of the shorts as supplied by our outfitters</li></ul>
<b>SHIRTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation blue and white pin stripe short and long sleeved shirts as supplied by our outfitters</li><li>• Shirts must to be tucked in at all times</li></ul>
<b>TIE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation blue and gold stripe tie with St. Edward's badge</li></ul>
<b>SOCKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain black socks</li></ul>
<b>SHOES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traditional black school shoes. No trainers of any description or colour are allowed. <i>Students will not be allowed to wear trainers or other non-school shoes if they outgrow or damage their shoes in the weeks leading up to a school holiday.</i> <i>Traditional school shoes will be issued if students wear anything other than sensible school shoes. Requests to wear anything other than the above for medical reasons must be accompanied by a note outlining the medical issue and timescales.</i> <i>Please see photos.</i></li></ul>

(optional) JUMPER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulation school black jumper as supplied by our outfitters</li> </ul>
JEWELLERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One stud per earlobe is allowed, but no other visible piercings. Helix piercings are not acceptable under any circumstances. <i>This includes but is not limited to; nose, lip, eyebrow, naval and tongue piercings. Lobe stretching in the form of flesh-lobes, flesh tunnels or flesh plugs are unacceptable.</i></li> <li>One discreet finger ring</li> <li>One small cross/crucifix and chain</li> <li>No other visible jewellery is allowed other than a watch.</li> <li>Allowance will <i>not</i> be made for recent additional piercings (i.e. a student needing to keep an additional piercing in place in the early stages of healing).</li> </ul>
HAIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conventional style and of consistent, natural looking colour. If in doubt, check in advance of having a significant change in style or colour. Long hair will need to be tied back in practical lessons, for safety reasons. Hair must be no shorter than Grade 2 on any area of their head, no tramlines or markings cut into the hair. Patterns shaved into the eyebrows are also unacceptable. Extreme styles and colours are not allowed. <b>The school will decide on the acceptability of styles.</b> Students may be kept out of circulation if the school considers a style to be unacceptable.</li> </ul>

## All Years - Girls' Uniform Code

SKIRT OR TROUSERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulation black knee length school skirt in non-stretch material; A Line or pleated as supplied by our outfitters. (This is being pursued at the moment)</li> <li>Regulation black school trousers as supplied by our outfitters.</li> </ul>
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BLAZER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulation black fitted blazer as supplied by our outfitters</li> <li>Blazers must be worn between lessons and when walking around the school</li> </ul>
BLOUSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulation blue and white pin stripe fitted blouse with <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> length sleeve as supplied by our outfitters</li> </ul>
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<b>SOCKS/ TIGHTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socks must be black and worn at the ankle or below the knee.</li> <li>• Tights must be plain, black or natural and not patterned, with no footless tights or leggings. It is a good idea to have a spare pair in case your tights ladder during the day</li> </ul>
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<b>MAKE UP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discreet make up is allowed but no coloured nail varnish.</li> <li>• Acrylic nails are not allowed in school.</li> <li>• Students will be asked to remove inappropriate make up or nail varnish, false nails or false eyelashes.</li> </ul>

## Outer Clothing

**Students are expected to travel to and from school in their uniform**

- Blazer with badge to be worn at all times of the year
- Cycle helmet and safety reflective bands are recommended for cyclists
- Bags need to be suitable for carrying text books and school equipment; and protect them from the elements. Fashion bags are not suitable.
- Coats should be smart, reflecting the standards of dress expected at St Edward's school. Hoodies may not be substituted for school jumpers.

## **Trips, Residential Visits and Non Uniform Days**

Clothing for day visits, *non-uniform days* and residential trips must be smart casual. This means that beachwear is unacceptable. School uniform may be required on certain visits as notified by the trip leader. This code also applies to any non-uniform days, unless otherwise instructed.

- No shoestring/strapless tops/vest tops
- No flip-flops or shoes without a strap to support the heel
- No leggings to be worn unless covered with a respectable length top or skirt
- Jeans are acceptable but must not have holes or tears
- No dresses and skirts with holes or tears
- Dresses, skirts and shorts must be of a respectable length
- No fancy dress unless part of a themed day
- School policy regarding piercings applies equally on non-uniform days or on school trips.

For day trips you may be refused permission to attend the trip if your clothing is unsuitable and does not adhere to the code above.

For residential trips staff have the right to ask you to change if you do not adhere to the above dress code.

**ANYONE WHO DOES NOT FOLLOW THE REGULATIONS ON NON-UNIFORM DAYS WILL BE SENT HOME TO CHANGE OR WILL BE REMOVED FROM CIRCULATION**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER**

- A smart and correctly dressed student is likely to enjoy higher self-esteem.
- Incorrect or inappropriate dress is unacceptable. The school has procedures which will be set in motion to rectify the situation as soon as possible.
- If in doubt, do not buy, check with the school first. Please do not make expensive mistakes.
- The school will make the final decision on any item considered unsuitable.
- Failure to comply with the uniform code will result in normal school sanctions being applied which may include withdrawal from circulation, Inclusion, or the student being sent home to dress appropriately. Any time lost would be made up.

## **Summer Uniform**

During warmer weather, the school still has high expectations of students to be wearing the correct uniform.

### Summer Uniform

The school makes provision for warmer weather through adjustments to its normal uniform code. Summer uniform may be worn for the duration of the summer term up to, but not beyond the October half-term. In making this provision, the Governing Body will ensure that high standards of uniform do not deteriorate through purchase of items other than those available through the school official suppliers. They will expect the school's leadership team to rigorously enforce the published uniform code throughout the year.

### Blazers

When the school determines that the weather is too warm to wear full uniform during the day, students will be permitted to remove their blazers by staff. Blazers should continue to be brought to school so that full uniform can be resumed if the weather changes.

In very hot weather, the school may relax uniform expectations further.

The school will make the decision when to relax the uniform and this will be made on a day by day basis.

### Shorts

Shorts may be purchased (only) from Bartletts for use during the summer uniform period above. A version for male and female students is available. Shorts must be worn with black ankle socks (nb. Trainer socks, or knee-length socks, or patterned/logo socks will not be permitted).

The blazer must also be worn except in circumstances detailed above.

**Our uniform reflects our attitude to our school and our work. Any students not following the uniform code will be given replacement items from school stock for the day or until they have complied with school uniform policy. If this is not possible, they will be removed from circulation at social times or throughout the school day if necessary so that others do not consider that they too need not comply.**

## **PE Kit**

<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
Navy and gold school polo shirt	Navy and gold female polo shirt
	Skorts (Optional)
<b>GENERIC PE KIT</b>	
Navy and gold school rugby shirt	
Navy school shorts	
Navy and gold school football socks	
White short socks	

Studded football boots (not astro trainers)	
Trainers (non marking soles only)	
Shin pads	
Gum shield	
Towel – if students wish to shower (optional)	
<b>Generic – Optional PE Kit</b>	
Navy and gold school hoody	
School navy rain jacket	
<b>KS4 BTEC DANCE STUDENTS ONLY</b>	
Generic black dance t-shirt	
<b>KS4 DANCE BOYS</b>	<b>KS4 DANCE GIRLS</b>
Black track-suit bottoms	Black leggings

All PE Kit MUST be named please

PE staff will inform students in advance of the kit needed for individual sports

**PLEASE NOTE: Aerosols are not permitted in school as these pose a risk to asthmatics.**

## SHOES

In particular can we please draw your attention the photos of acceptable footwear, as some shops do advertise some inappropriate footwear as "school shoes" and we want to prevent any confusion or financial inconvenience when new shoes don't meet the uniform code and have to be returned.

### Boys

These are examples of black school shoes which are allowed:



### Girls

These are examples of black school shoes which are allowed:



Trainers, including black trainers and canvas shoes are **not** allowed.

*Shoes with obvious brand logos, and boots* are also **not** allowed.

Below are some examples of trainers, canvas shoes and boots that are **not** allowed:



We are grateful for the support parents and carers show us in upholding these standards to make students at St Edward's smart and proud of the school they attend.

Appendix 1 shows a selection of photographs portraying elements of St. Edward's school uniform

#### **Policy Review**

The Governing body will review this policy annually and associated procedures to ensure its continuing appropriateness and effectiveness. The review will take place in consultation with the headteacher, staff and parents and carers.

#### **Appendix 1**

<b>BOYS SCHOOL SHORTS</b> <b>(Summer term until end of October only)</b>		<b>GIRLS SCHOOL SHORTS</b> <b>(Summer term until end of October only)</b>	
<b>PE KIT</b>			
<b>BOYS POLO SHIRT</b>		<b>GIRLS POLO SHIRT</b>	

<b>GIRLS SKORTS</b>		<b>GENERIC SHORTS</b>	
<b>GENERIC RUGBY SHIRT</b>		<b>GENERIC HOODY</b>	

**For KS4 BTEC DANCE students only**

<b>KS4 GENERIC DANCE T-SHIRT</b>		<b>KS4 GIRLS DANCE LEGGINGS</b>	
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