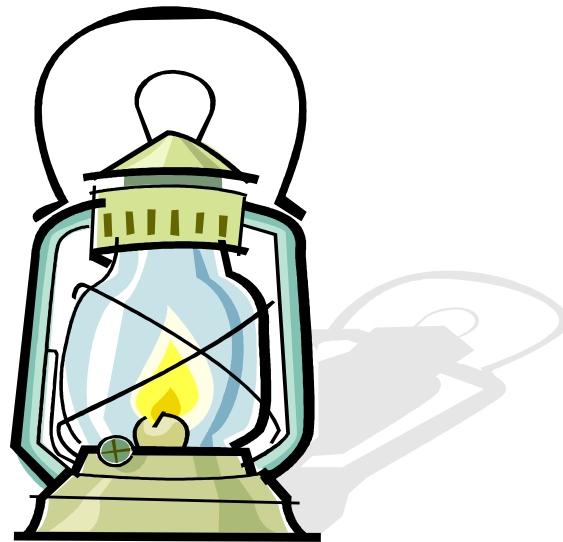




UNIFORM POLICY



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"Shine like a lantern in the presence of the Lord."

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Introduction

Our School uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security, assisting the school to identify individual pupils in order to maintain good order.

It is our school policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in this policy.

Our school uniform policy is based on the notion that:

- it is practical and smart
- it identifies the pupils with our school
- it promotes a sense of pride in the school
- it reduces “fashion competition” between pupils
- it makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- it engenders a sense of community and belonging towards our school
- it promotes good behaviour and discipline among the pupil body in our school

All children should wear the prescribed uniform and we encourage them to maintain an acceptable standard of clean and tidy attire in school.

The School Council is involved in discussions about uniform and any proposed changes to this policy.

A willingness to comply with the Uniform Policy is a condition of attending our school.

The Governors give a high priority to cost and best value considerations in the design and specification of its school uniform. The majority of the uniform chosen are widely available from high street shops.

General Information on St Bede’s School Uniform

Please refer to our Uniform Information Booklet (available in your induction pack or via our website).

In order to avoid confusion and to keep Lost Property to a minimum, all items of clothing including P.E. kit and bags etc, must be clearly labelled with a laundry pen or with printed name labels.

The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The Role of Governors

The Governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the Governors’ responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Any parent or pupil attending school wearing incorrect uniform (including PE kit) will be issued with a letter advising what part of the uniform is incorrect, and provided with details of the correct uniform (see Appendix 1).

In cases where a pupil continuously wears the incorrect uniform the parent will be contacted to meet with the Phase Leader for that area of the school in the first instance. Meanwhile, the child will be taught in isolation. The school decides what is acceptable or not.

St Bede's School uniform is available from our approved school outfitters: **Lucilla Ltd, 179-181 Cranbrook Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 4TA** (Tel: 020 8554 5133) or **Rupens in Meads Lane** (Tel: 0208 590 3734).

Non-logo items may be purchased from any high street store as long as it is exactly the same specification and style as those supplied by the uniform shops.

St Bede's is not responsible for the quality of items sold or the service provided by stores. All complaints should be addressed to the Managers of the stores concerned.

Nearly new uniforms are donated by parents and are available to purchase for a small donation via St Bede's Parents Association (PA). Please write a short note to the Chair of the PA, through the School Office.

Redbridge Authority does not grant primary age pupils with a Clothing/Uniform Award (this ceased 1 September 2008).

All parents/carers pupils are expected to give their full unreserved and positive support for the uniform policy of our school.

We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed (clothes and hair) in accordance with our school uniform policy.

APPENDIX 1 – Correct School Uniform Letter to Home

[On school letterhead]

To the Family Class

It has come to notice that your child has not been wearing the correct school uniform as stipulated by the Governing Body of St Bede’s Catholic Primary School and Nursery.

The incorrect item of clothing worn today was:

The correct item of clothing is:

We do appreciate that this is probably an oversight on your part and would be grateful if you could ensure that the correct uniform is worn at all times.

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The Governors, parents and staff of St Bede’s Catholic Primary School and Nursery are very proud of the uniform worn by the children and your continued support and full co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.

For your information the full correct uniform list for our children is listed overleaf.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mark Butcher

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Chair of Governors