



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

24th August 2024

Uniform guidance and advice

With less than two weeks to go to the start of the new academic year, I thought it might be well timed if I emailed you some guidance about Archbishop Ilsley's uniform, especially as you may be restocking supplies for your child. I have attached the recently ratified uniform policy with this email and summarised the key points below.

Shoes – shoes should be black and leather. Some pupils, swayed by peer pressure, may tell their parents that black trainers are acceptable. To be clear, shoes should not contain any sports logos whatsoever (Nike, Adidas, Lonsdale, Kappa etc) and should be able to be polished.

Blazers – all pupils need to wear a blazer. If they wish to wear a coat, this should be over their blazer and not instead of.

Tracksuit tops – are not allowed. There seems to be a current trend in Birmingham schools of wearing Nike Tech Fleece to school. These are expensive so keep them safe at home and save them for wearing at the weekend.

Tights for girls and no socks – all girls must wear tights. Socks should not be worn over the tights. Again, a recent trend is for a very small number of girls to wear sports sock over their tights. This was recently debated at our parent consultation which took place on Wednesday 3rd July. I have taken these points on board but no change will be made this academic year. Girls are welcome to wear trousers but they should be aware of the guidance below.

Trousers – trousers should be the usual standard fit. They should not be skinny fit, 'jeggings style'. Parents with daughters should be particularly aware of this if they go uniform shopping.

Other items that are not permitted include small pouch size bags. In addition, energy drinks and fizzy drinks are not permitted on the school site.

A friend of Archbishop Ilsley, Kynton Swingle of the Fox Hollies Forum, is holding a 'Back to School Uniform Essentials'. This uniform swap shop is open every afternoon next week for families who might need to make use of some free supplies. It will be held from Tuesday until Friday between 14:30 – 16:30 at B27 7RA. Please take uniform that your child has outgrown. See the second attachment for more details.

I hope you found this guidance helpful. We are looking forward to seeing your child on **Thursday 5th September from 8am**. Pupils should enter school through the blue pedestrian gate on the Warwick Road. Victoria Road is only an entrance for staff and sixth formers. Pupils should be on the school site by 8:45 at the very latest. Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Clinton
Headteacher