



# ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Uniform reminders

We hope your child has enjoyed their two week break and is looking forward to returning to school on Monday. It is a very short half term of only 19 days as Monday 5<sup>th</sup> is a bank holiday.

With three days to go, we thought it might be well timed if we emailed you some reminders about Archbishop Ilsley's uniform policy, especially as you may be restocking supplies for your child.

**Summer uniform** – pupils are welcome to wear the summer uniform for the last term, if they wish. You can find more details of this by clicking here: <https://www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Uniform-policy-for-the-2024-2025-academic-year-sent-to-parents-and-carers-on-24.08.24.pdf>

**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. 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 this weekend.

Other items that are not permitted include:

- Small pouch size bags (**all** pupils need a standard sized school bag)
- Short pencil skirts
- Black leggings
- Crocs
- Energy drinks (it is recommended pupils bring a refillable water bottle to school)



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We hope you found this guidance helpful. All pupils should enter school through the blue pedestrian gate on the Warwick Road. Victoria Road is only an entrance for staff and sixth formers. They should be on the school site by 8:45 at the very latest. Pupils should be aware that the senior leadership team will be checking uniform as pupils pass through the gate and will be doing random spot checks throughout the week. If a pupil arrives at school wearing incorrect uniform or without a bag, we will take steps to ensure standards are maintained. Pupils may be asked to borrow the appropriate item from our uniform store, parents may be contacted to bring the correct uniform to school, or the pupil may be sent home to change or collect.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely

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