



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Thursday 17th July 2025

Tips for parents about buying uniform ready for September

Firstly, we hope you really enjoy the six weeks of holiday. It has been a very successful year. We want to climb to even higher heights next year and this means having very high standards with uniform. Having teenage children ourselves, we thought we would 'myth bust'! So when your child encourages you to buy something which you do not think is in our uniform policy, you can show them this letter!

Below is a summary of key points to help support you and your child in arriving fully prepared for September.

Shoes: Must be black leather and polishable, with no sports branding or logos (e.g. Nike, Adidas, Lonsdale, Kappa). Black trainers, such as in the photo to the right, are not acceptable, even if they appear plain.



Blazers: All pupils must wear their blazer at all times. Coats may be worn over blazers, but never instead of.

Tracksuit Tops / Tech Fleece: Not permitted. There is a trend in some Birmingham schools for wearing items such as Nike Tech Fleece – these are expensive and should be kept for weekends, not school.

Tights & Socks (for girls): Pupils wearing skirts must wear tights only – no socks over their tights. Girls are welcome to wear school trousers if preferred.

Trousers: Should be standard school fit – not skinny, stretch-fit, or joggie style. This applies to all pupils, but particularly when shopping for girls' uniform.



Skirts: Should be pleated and not tight to the body (body con skirts are not permitted)

Bags: Small 'pouch-style' bags are not allowed. All pupils must bring a bag that can carry A4 books and essential equipment.

Drinks: Energy and fizzy drinks are not permitted on the school site and will be confiscated if brought in.



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Start of Term Details

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 & 11 pupils back on Wednesday 3rd September and all other year groups will begin the school year on 4th September, from 8:00am.

Students should enter through the blue pedestrian gate on Warwick Road. Please note that Victoria Road is for staff and sixth formers only.



All pupils should be on site by 8:45am at the latest.

We hope this guidance is helpful and thank you for your continued support in maintaining the high standards expected at Archbishop Ilsley. Be aware that the three of us will be issuing issuing same day break, lunchtime or after school detentions in the first eight days of September and other random days during the autumn term.

If you have any questions or require further support, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you and your family a restful holiday.

Yours faithfully

Mr Clinton
Headteacher

Mr Foley
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Burnham
AHT for behaviour & uniform standards

