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Uniform Policy

Codicil documenting changes from previous year		
Date	Page	Note of revision
10th December 2025	2	Reference to draft government guidance about the 3 items of branded uniform
10th December 2025	4	Addition that a bucket hat is not permitted, as well as a cap
	4	Clive Mark has become an additional supplier as the government recommend that school should 'should avoid single-supplier contracts except in certain circumstances.'
	6	Year 7 will wear the old Year 11 tie.

Mission statement and the ethos of Archbishop Ilesley Catholic School

School uniform is an essential component in how we uphold high standards at Archbishop Ilesley Catholic School. We believe that school uniform creates a sense of community and supports equality. At the same time, we want uniform to be affordable for families. Limited support is available to support families experiencing hardship.

Formation of this document

The basis of this document has followed government guidance that can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>

This document has been written collaboratively by the following stakeholders:

- The Black History Focus Group
- Our parent group

Aims

1. We will make school uniform as affordable as possible, providing parents and carers with options for some parts of the uniform
2. We will choose a school uniform that allows pupils to feel part of a community and to feel that they are equal
3. We will communicate our expectations about uniform clearly and consistently to pupils, parents, carers and other interested parties
4. Where possible, we will offer support to families who need help or assistance with providing school uniform for their child/children
5. We will encourage families to recycle used school uniform that is in clean and good condition
6. We will review the uniform policy regularly to ensure that it remains reasonable and as affordable as possible

New statutory guidance for 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

The government intends to make it a legal requirement from September 2026 that schools can only have 3 branded items. As this is only draft guidance, the school would welcome parent feedback on the proposed three items:

1. A blazer displaying the Archbishop Ilsley badge (or a navy blue v neck jumper displaying the Archbishop Ilsley badge)
2. The PE top
3. PE shorts (or tracksuit bottoms)

Uniform for pupils identifying as male:

Navy blue blazer with a school badge

White shirt

The tie for that particular year group

Medium grey plain school trousers

Plain navy blue V-necked pullover (optional)

A Duke of Edinburgh fleece can be worn but this must be in addition to a shirt and tie

Plain black shoes

Plain grey, black or navy blue socks

If a durag is worn, it must be navy blue or black

Summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays until October half term

If pupils wish to wear an outside jacket, they may do so, but not at the expense of a blazer (i.e. pupils must wear a shirt and tie and blazer; it is up to them if they wear a jacket, but it must be over the blazer)

Pupils identifying as non-binary, gender fluid, transgender (this list is not exhaustive)

As above.

Pupils identifying as female:

Navy blue blazer with a school badge

White blouse or shirt

Navy blue pleated skirt approximately knee length or school skirt with badge. Pupils must wear plain black or navy tights with a skirt.

Navy blue school full length trousers - no leggings, tight trousers, jeggings, not skinny fit.

Plain navy blue V-necked pullover/cardigan (optional)

A Duke of Edinburgh fleece can be worn but this must be in addition to a shirt, tie and blazer.

Plain black shoes

Plain black or navy socks if trousers are worn.

If a Hijab is worn it must be navy blue or black – school tie must be visible.

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ITEMS THAT ARE NOT PERMITTED

Trainers (defined as anything with a sports logo on or footwear that cannot be polished) are not permitted.

Hoodies or hooded sweatshirts

Tracksuit tops / Tech Fleece

Caps or bucket hats

Balaclavas

False nails or eye lashes

Pouches/small bags that too small to fit a pencil case or books in

Hoop Ear rings

Nose rings

Bucket Hats

Pencil Skirts / Body con tight skirt

In addition, energy drinks and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the school site

SUMMER UNIFORM

From May half-term until the end of the first half-term of the autumn term, pupils may wear the school summer shirt (pale blue with the school badge) or a plain blue shirt. Ties do not have to be worn if pupils are wearing the summer shirt.

If temperatures become exceedingly hot, school may decide to adapt uniform accordingly. This will be communicated by the school and parents and carers will be informed of the modifications.

P.E. KIT

School P.E. kit can be purchased from Midland Schoolwear or Clive Mark in Sheldon.

Compulsory kit:

Ilseley T-shirt

Ilseley shorts

Ilseley socks

Optional Extras:
Quarter Zip Top
Ilsley Tracksuit Bottoms
Ilsley Leggings

If there are any issues with obtaining the school P.E. kit, please contact Mr Hemmings, Director of P.E. and Sport.

PURCHASING SCHOOL UNIFORM

Most supermarkets will stock some of the basic items of our school uniform. School specific items such as blazers, school skirts, school ties and PE kit can be purchased from the Midlands Schoolwear shop situated in Acocks Green, opposite the church or Clive Mark in Sheldon. For parents and carers whose children have left Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School, we are always grateful if you are able to donate any items of school uniform which are in good, clean condition so that we can support families in need.

We are currently looking at ways in which parents and carers can purchase second hand school uniform and will keep you updated as and when further developments occur.

If you are struggling to provide uniform for your child, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year. Your enquiry will be dealt with discretely and sensitively.

TIES (FOR THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR)

The different ties for different year groups

