



# Saint Aidan's Church of England High School

## Uniform and Appearance Policy

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*'That they might have life and have it in all its fullness'*  
*John 10:10*

## Rationale

As a school rooted in Christian values, and to support our Christian ethos, we believe uniform is important because:

- We want to promote a sense of belonging and community.
- We believe in promoting equality.
- We believe in our young people focusing on all that life can offer so that they learn, grow and develop throughout their time at Saint Aidan's.
- We believe in an environment where everyone feels safe and secure.

We believe that school uniform plays a key role in promoting a sense of pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging throughout our school community. We believe these qualities support students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. Our students take pride in wearing our school uniform since it helps them to connect with our school. Our uniform provides a sense of belonging and identity and supports the community feel which is so integral to Saint Aidan's.

Our uniform policy has been designed with the following in mind:

- The Education Act 2021
- The Equality Act 2010
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The school Safeguarding Policy
- The school Behaviour Policy

Our uniform has been amended following consultation with staff, students, parents and governors (December 2025) and takes into account the Government's 2025 statutory guidance on the cost of uniform ([Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK](#)). Through our changes we have considered:

- cost
- longevity
- suitability for the school environment
- sustainability

### **To ensure inclusivity, we will:**

- keep our uniform as gender neutral as possible in order to give all students the opportunity to wear uniform they feel most comfortable in.
- allow students to wear religious garments such as headscarves.
- make reasonable adjustments to our uniform policy for students with sensory or physical needs; this will be done via consultation with the SENCo.

Our Uniform and Appearance Policy applies to students when in school, when travelling to and from school, when representing the school at an event, when on a school trip or when involved in any other school related activity.

It is our expectation that students will wear our uniform as outlined below. If students do not comply with our uniform expectations then they may be; given a sanction, required to change their uniform, sent home or placed in isolation. Please note that school have the final say on any decisions regarding uniform. Our uniform is outlined below, along with stockists. Further guidance can then be found regarding the specifics of uniform and appearance. If you are at all uncertain then please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance for additional guidance before purchasing.

## Uniform

<u>Item</u>	<u>Details</u>
<b>School Jumper*</b>	Burgundy, badged, Saint Aidan's jumper for Years 7-10 and a black, badged Saint Aidan's jumper for Year 11. Sleeves should not be rolled up. Available from specific uniform stockists.
<b>White Shirt</b>	Plain, white and with a collar – a traditional school shirt. Available from many stockists. Top buttons should be fastened. Short sleeved shirts can be worn, long sleeved shirts should not be rolled.
<b>School Tie*</b>	Striped burgundy and grey tie for Year 7-10. Grey tie with logo for Year 11. Available from specific uniform stockists.
<b>Black Trousers and Socks</b>	Black school trousers worn with plain, dark coloured socks. Trousers should not be 'skinny fit' and should be made of material appropriate for school (such as polyester and not lycra). Trousers should be 'school style' and not fashion trousers. Leggings, jogging bottoms and jeans are not acceptable.
<b>Shoes</b>	Shoes should be plain black with a <b>firm</b> , black sole. Shoes that have coloured emblems, coloured laces, trainer style soles and other decoration will not be accepted.
<b>Coat</b>	A sensible coat, suitable for school. Sweatshirts, gilets, hoodies or tracksuit tops should not be worn in school.
<b>School Bag</b>	School bags should be suitable for school so that they can carry their laptop devices and an A4 folder as well as other equipment. Bags should have a zip that ensures they are closable. Small handbags are not suitable for school.
<b>School PE Top*</b>	Black, badged Saint Aidan's sports top. Available from specific uniform stockists.
<b>PE Shorts or Skort</b>	Plain, black, drawstring sports shorts or black skort suitable for a variety of sports. A badged version of the skort is available from our uniform stockists.
<b>PE Socks</b>	White, short sports socks for indoor and summer activities.  Long, black football socks for seasonal, outdoor activities.
<b>PE Trainers</b>	Sensible trainers that are suitable for a range of sports are required.
<b>Rugby Top</b>	Red and black rugby top. This will be required for boys' PE lessons, due to the nature of this contact sport and the material that stretches with contact. Please note that school will endeavour to support anyone who is unable to purchase this item. A badged version is also available.
<b>Summer Polo Shirt*</b>	The white, badged Saint Aidan's polo shirt may be worn in the Summer Term underneath the school jumper. Non-badged polo shirts are not permitted.
<u>Optional Uniform Items</u>	<u>Details</u>
<b>Black Skirt and Tights</b>	As an alternative to trousers, students may choose to wear a black, badged Saint Aidan's school skirt available from our specific uniform stockists. These must be worn so that they cover the knee and must be worn with black, opaque tights.
<b>PE ¾ Zip Top</b>	Black, zip up top, badged. Available from specific uniform stockists.

	This can be used during inclement weather or at sporting fixtures.
<b>PE Leggings</b>	Black, opaque, sports leggings. These can be worn in inclement weather as advised by PE staff. These cannot be worn unless permission is given.

### **Uniform Stockists**

Bispham Clothing - [www.schoolwear-blackpool.com](http://www.schoolwear-blackpool.com) - 01253 353701

Poulton Sports [Sports Shop Poulton | School Uniforms](#) - 01253 893424

Garstang Uniform Shop - [Garstang: Uniform & Leisurewear Shop](#) - 01524 388355

Online PE Kit (Official Kit) - [St Aidan's - PE Kit - St Aidan's - Shop](#) 01254 495300

PTFA Uniform shop - [uniform@st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk)

### **Uniform and Appearance – School Rules**

- Skirts, if worn, must be worn so that they cover the knee. They must be worn with opaque (not sheer) black tights.
- Socks must not be worn over or under tights if worn with a skirt.
- Trousers should not be intentionally tight fitting (such as leggings) and should be an appropriate style for school and for a professional look. If you are unsure about trousers please consult the website for guidance and links that will be regularly updated or contact school.
- Shirts should be fastened at the top at all times and should be tucked in to the waistband of trousers or skirts. Sleeves should not be rolled.
- School bags should be suitable for school so that they can carry their laptop devices and an A4 folder as well as other equipment. Small handbags are not suitable for school.
- Coat hoods should not be up once inside school buildings.
- Trainers are not allowed for school. If there are exceptional medical circumstances that require an alternative shoe this should be communicated from home to the form tutor in the first instance. Medical advice should be provided.
- A minimal amount of make up (such as to cover blemishes or skin concerns) may be worn. However, heavy make-up (that includes make up such as bronzer, blush, mascara, eyeliner etc) is not appropriate for school and should not be worn. If inappropriate make up is worn students will be provided with a make-up wipe to remove this or can wash it off with water. School have the final say on any decision around the acceptable wearing of make-up and expect adjustments to be made in line with this decision.
- False tan, false nails (acrylics, gel, BIAB, stick-ons for example), false lashes and such like are not appropriate for school and should not be worn.
- One pair of small stud earrings (one in each ear lobe) may be worn for school. Hooped earrings, larger shapes of earrings and earrings higher up in the ear are not permitted. Students should not wear nose studs of any kind (including plastic retainer studs). Piercings in any other area of the body are not permitted for school at any time and students will be asked to remove these immediately.
- Earrings must be removed for PE (or plasters worn if they are recently pierced). Plasters cannot be worn to cover other piercings that are not permitted (see above).
- The only other jewellery that is permitted is a wrist watch. Bracelets, rings, necklaces, anklets and any other jewellery should not be worn for school and may be confiscated. Any confiscated item will be returned at the end of the day or contact will be made with home to collect the items.
- Hair should be neat, tidy and suitably styled for school. Hair should not be dyed an unnatural colour. Hair should not have patterns, letters or such like shaven into it and

should not be shaved below a grade 2. Hair should be tied back for PE and for practical activities and subjects.

- Large fashion accessories should not be worn. Small bows, bobbles and the like should be neutral colours.
- Hats, gloves, scarves, sunglasses and other seasonal accessories may be worn to and from school but not in the school buildings.

### **Uniform and Appearance – Dealing with Defiance**

As is set out in our school policy 'Behaviour for Learning', sanctions may be recorded on Synergy for uniform defiance. The usual sanction for a uniform infringement will be an F2. Repeated defiance (shown by multiple F2 sanctions) may result in a detention. If a student is rude or argumentative during a discussion around their uniform and appearance the sanction may be increased. This will be at the school's discretion in discussion with staff involved.

In many instances of uniform defiance, students can easily rectify their uniform or appearance. This may be by being offered a suitable piece of uniform from the school's stock (such as a pair of school shoes) or by being asked to remove the issue (such as make up, jewellery, a hoodie for example). If students are asked to rectify their uniform but refuse to do so, they will be placed in IEU or sent home to amend their uniform or appearance.

School will have the final say on what constitutes acceptable uniform or appearance in line with this policy.

### **Uniform Support**

Saint Aidan's recognises that school uniform can be costly. Our policy, and uniform decisions, have been made in order to support parents as much as possible with the cost of school uniform. If you are struggling to afford the uniform please do get in touch with school. The school's PTFA run an excellent uniform shop full of good quality used (and some new) uniform items. Please email [uniform@st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@st-aidans.lancs.sch.uk) to see if they are able to support.

### **Transition Period**

As we move to our new uniform (having removed some items) we know there will be a period of transition. We do not want families to be buying new things unnecessarily and so old items (such as the grey skirt and red PE polo) may still be worn by students if they own these or if they have them handed down by a sibling or friend. Uniform stockists will still sell stock of these items, while they have them, to students in Y8 or above from September 2026.