St Thomas Becket Catholic School

Uniform Policy 2026-2027

‘Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.’

1 Corinthians 13

‘Christ’s Love is our Foundation’

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The School Uniform

In line with DfE guidance we have limited the number of **compulsory branded items** of uniform and PE kit to **4**. These can be seen in bold below.

Blazer: Black with embroidered school branded logo (compulsory branded item)

Jumpers: Grey with embroidered school branded logo. (optional)

Shirt: White only buttoned to the collar.

School tie: (Compulsory branded item)

Trousers: Plain black with pleat/seam along the front – no jeans, cords, skinny fit leggings, joggers, flares.

Skirts: Pleated grey checked skirts (on the knee) Plain black or natural colour tights. (compulsory branded item if chosen to wear instead of trousers)



Coats: Sports or tracksuit tops are not to be worn as a warm coat substitute. Coats must be taken off at the start of every lesson and placed on the back of a chair.

Hoodies: Hoodies are banned in school and must not to be worn. Students found wearing one will have it confiscated.

Hair cut: No exaggerated hair styles, hair should be of a natural colour and style. Hair should be tidy and out of student's eyes. Streaked, dyed, patterned, coloured braiding, stepped, spiked or high–top styles are not allowed. No patterns, shapes or lines. Beards, moustaches

and wispy growth are not permitted. Shaved eyebrows are not permitted. We do our best to be consistent and there is a designated member of SLT to check.

Jewellery: Students are allowed one small stud in each ear lobe. No other piercings are allowed including plastic retainers. No bracelets or wrist jewellery are to be worn at any time. Students may wear one plain watch and crucifix tucked inside their shirt.

Nails and Makeup: No artificial nails or nail polish. Make up needs to be minimal and natural and no false eyelashes. If this is not adhered to students will be asked to remove it.

Bags: A rucksack that can carry A4 folders and books unfolded. Plain, no excessive logos or styles not in keeping with our Catholic ethos.

Lanyard and ID Card: Each student is required to carry a personal ID card attached to a lanyard, which must be worn at all times. The lanyard colour corresponds to the student's year group, assisting staff and visitors in identifying students and ensuring effective safeguarding measures are in place. The ID card is not only critical for safeguarding; it also serves as a pass for accessing facilities such as the astro turf during lunchtime. If a student is found without their ID card:

- On the first instance, they will be issued a temporary card and receive a sanction.
- Repeated offenses will result in a phone call home and further sanctions.
- If a student accumulates sufficient points on their rewards system, a new card will be purchased on their behalf to ensure compliance.

Shoes: Students must wear black, polishable shoes at all times. Trainers, Crocs, plimsolls, sandals, and other types of inappropriate footwear are strictly prohibited. This includes footwear from brands such as Nike and Slazenger, which are often marketed as trainer shoes but do not meet our dress code requirements. Non-compliance with the footwear policy will result in sanctions being applied in accordance with our behaviour policy.

Examples of different types of shoes:

Examples of acceptable boys' school shoes:



Examples of unacceptable boys' school shoes:



Examples of acceptable girls' school shoes:



Examples of unacceptable girls' school shoes:



PE Kit: For PE lessons and representing the school at fixtures/events students will need to wear:

- **School branded polo top (compulsory branded item)**
- School branded quarter zip training top (optional) A plain black quarter zip can be worn if it meets our specific colour, shade and fabric requirements
- Black shorts, black Lycra sports tights, or black tracksuit bottoms (please note cycling shorts are not permitted)
- Plain black jumper or sports top (please note hooded jumpers are not permitted)

Non-Uniform Day Expectations: While non-uniform days allow students the freedom to wear their own clothes, we maintain certain standards to ensure safety and decency:

- Open-toed footwear is prohibited.

- Clothing considered too revealing, such as vest tops or tops that expose the midriff, is not allowed.
- Shorts must be of a reasonable length and should not have cut-out holes that expose excessive skin.

The school reserves the right to determine what is deemed acceptable, acknowledging that fashion trends are continuously evolving.

Expectations and sanctions

Uniform is fundamental in establishing a safe and nurturing school environment, where students learn the importance of adherence to rules and expectations. We expect all students and their parents to comply with our uniform policy consistently. Observing these rules fosters discipline, which is essential for hard work and achieving success in examinations. Students who meet our expectations tend to excel, and we anticipate parental support in this endeavour, aiming for the best outcomes for their children.

Non-compliance with the uniform policy detracts from the learning environment and undermines the school's ethos. Should a student fail to adhere to the uniform rules, the following actions will be taken:

1. Parents will be notified immediately.
2. The student may be placed in Learning Recovery until the issue is resolved.
3. If necessary, the student may be sent home to correct the uniform issue and will be expected to return to school promptly. Failure to return in a timely manner will be marked as unauthorised absence and may result in a fine.
4. Repeated failures to comply may lead to suspension for non-compliance/defiance of school policies.

By maintaining these standards, we can ensure that all students can focus on their academic achievements.