

Uniform Consultation

OUR LADY AND ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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The Results

Firstly...

The presentation presents the findings and recommendations from the Survey. These have been put together into a School Uniform Report which we will keep under review going forwards.

Overall, we are thrilled that the majority of us believe school uniform provides a sense of belonging for pupils and is helpful in fostering a good learning environment and promoting the ethos of our school.

Going forwards

Going forwards we will continue to work within the [Government guidance which can be viewed here](#). This sets out how schools should work hard to keep uniform costs down. We are certainly taking steps to remove unnecessary branded items and allow more high-street options, like supermarket own-label uniform items.

We want our school to continue to be a safe space where pupils feel comfortable and able to be themselves.

We are also committed to taking on board the views of parents / carers and pupils by ensuring that policy decisions are flexible enough to accommodate the different needs of our pupils. For example, following the feedback from parents and carers, we are happy to allow pupils to wear plain, unbranded black trainers in place of traditional school shoes.

THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the Survey. We hope you enjoyed reading about the outcomes!

At Our Lady and St. Edward's Catholic Primary we want all pupils to flourish and enjoy coming to school every day

We believe that wearing a school uniform contributes to an environment that fosters good all round outcomes for our pupils.

Most recently Government has become concerned at the potential cost to families of school uniform as the country faces a period of austerity and escalating living costs.

To respond to this, our school has conducted a full review of its approaches to uniform and conducted a survey of parents and pupils to gather views and information.

This document sets out the statistical responses and summary of the comments received.

What Parents and Carers think

“I think this is an amazing idea in such bad times!!!”

“I believe the policy will better support families to provide affordable uniform for all”

“I think this is a sensible move forward for all parents to remain part of school community but not pressured financially with additional standards”

“Appreciate the school acknowledging the difficulties that we as parents are facing. I support the proposed policy, children can still be smart without having a certain shoe/logo on their clothing”

“Allow grey polo shirts for boys, I think the other colours show mark and I spend more money replacing them over the school year”

“Pleased with the policy”

“I think the change in the uniform policy is great. It's keeping it cost effective for parents and families who may have more than one child, and makes it more non-discriminative”

“Well done to our ladies again for supporting children and families through care compassion and common sense”

“Agree, should not have to have school logo on uniform as it can very expensive for parents with more than one child. Children should be able to wear black trainers as school shoes are expensive and get scuffed and ruined within the first week back to school and parents can't afford to constantly replace them”

Following the survey.....

Children are now allowed to wear darker coloured trainers in winter and lighter coloured trainers in Summer!!!

Children are allowed to wear white, blue, yellow AND grey or royal blue polo shirts

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