St Chad's Uniform Policy 2016 -17

Parents, teacher and students work together to ensure that the highest possible standards are maintained in all areas of school life at St Chad's. A student's willingness to wear the correct uniform accompanies an attitude to school, which usually maximises success in learning and personal development. It also indicates a family's commitment to the values and ethos of the school, which is crucial to the growth and development of our young people.

There are a number of good reasons for having a school uniform:

1. It is a sign of commitment, pride and a badge of belonging to our school
2. It is a way of avoiding an expensive 'fashion contest' in school
3. It keeps young people focused on their studies
4. It stops differences emerging between 'those who have and those who have not'

The uniform, which is clearly described in the policy, is compulsory for all students. The Headteacher and his staff reserve the right to determine acceptable standards of dress and appearance with reference to this uniform policy. The aim is to help students learn that dress codes are a fact of life, and that 'dressing for success' is a good preparation for adult and working life.

St Chad's uniform is strictly enforced with rewards for students who 'wear the correct uniform in the correct way' and sanctions for those who refuse to conform. (Please see Behaviour Policy on school website). In rare cases where students arrive in school incorrectly dressed, parents will be contacted with a request to bring the correct items to school or there will be an expectation that loan items will be worn if available. Parents should provide their child with a written note if there is a good reason why (s)he is temporarily not wearing the full school uniform. In cases of hardship, parents or carers should contact their child's Pupil Progress Coordinator for confidential advice.

All items are compulsory. It is expected that full school uniform is worn correctly during the school day and on journeys to and from school.

We are confident that our parents will always understand the need to support the school to make sure that our high standards of uniform are maintained. Please do not allow your child to persuade you to buy non-uniform items, as this will cause unnecessary expense and headache. As the Headteacher has said on many occasions, it is vital that we as adults (school and parent working in partnership) help our children to grow and mature by setting clear boundaries of behaviour.

Faith in God,
Faith in Ability,
Faith in Each Other

Girls Uniform

- **Blazer –** Maroon with same colour lining with pre-embroidered school badge. Worn at all times in, around and to/from school.
- **Shirt –** Plain White, with collar and top button.
- **Tie –** Maroon Red with double-White stripe. Clip-on ONLY.
- **Pinafore– Grey** (preferred) with boxed pleat. MUST touch the knee.
- **Shoes –** Black, polishable, low heeled. Please note that fabric shoes, trainers, pumps or boots are not acceptable.
- **Socks/Tights –** Plain grey, knee-length socks or plain grey opaque tights. No other colours, no patterned tights.
- **School Bag –** Plain black, grey or blue two-strap, rucksack style bag.

Boys Uniform

- **Blazer –** Maroon with same colour lining with pre-embroidered school badge. Worn at all times in, around and to/from school.
- **Shirt –** Plain White, with collar and top button. Must have a collar and top button suitable for wearing a tie. (Long or short sleeved shirt may be worn).
- **Tie –** Maroon Red with double-White stripe. Clip-on ONLY.
- **Trousers –** black**.**
- **Shoes –** Black, polishable. Please note that fabric shoes, pumps or boots are not acceptable. No sports labelled trainers.
- **Socks –** Plain Grey/Black. No other colours, not patterned.
- **School Bag –** Plain Black, grey or blue two-strap, rucksack style bag.

PE Uniform

- **PE Shorts –** Black with embroidered school badge.
- **Polo Shirt –** Royal Blue with embroidered school badge.
- **Socks –** Royal Blue, knee length.
- **Trainers –** Plain Black, not pumps.

Additional Notes for Boys

1. Hairstyles: Extremes of hair style and hair colouring are not acceptable. Haircuts below a number 2 are not allowed.
2. Wrist watch permissible and stud earrings only - but not in PE. **No other jewellery is allowed**. The school reserves the right to request removal and to confiscate if necessary. No responsibility is accepted for the loss of any confiscated items.
3. Body Piercing: Nose studs and other forms of body piercing are not acceptable.

Additional Notes for Girls

1. Make-up, including fake tans, false nails, and nail varnish must not be worn: the school reserves the right to request removal.
2. Hairstyles: Extremes of hair style and hair colouring are not acceptable. Hair fashion accessories are not be worn. Hair bands/bobbles, can be worn but must be Black. **Long hair must be tied back in practical subjects**.
3. As above in notes for boys.

Uniform Suppliers:

Best Sports – 4 Somerset Mews, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 1LP Tel: 01928 561090

Lazer Uniform – 31-35 Alforde Street, Widnes.

Tel: 01513454867