

071 July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of another academic year, we would like to clarify our uniform expectations for the 2026/27 academic year. As these are reviewed annually, it is important to note that requirements may have changed, we therefore ask that all parents and carers read this information carefully to ensure full compliance from the start of the new term.

Key Changes for September 2026

In line with statutory government guidance on reducing the cost of school uniform, and following valuable consultation with our Parent Forum, we have reduced the number of compulsory branded items.

For the 2026/27 academic year, the four compulsory branded items are:

- Saint Bede's blazer
- Saint Bede's house tie (only available to purchase directly from the school)
- Saint Bede's PE t-shirt
- Saint Bede's PE hoodie

If you still need to purchase the house tie, you can do so via Parent Pay up until **Friday 10th July** and ties will then be distributed to pupils WC 13th July, ready for next year.

Optional Branded Items

The following items are optional, but if worn they must be the branded Saint Bede's garment purchased from our uniform suppliers:

- Saint Bede's school jumper
- Saint Bede's school skirt

Skirts:

If your child chooses to wear a skirt, it must be **knee-length**. Any pupil arriving in September wearing a skirt that does not meet the knee, or that is not the Saint Bede's branded skirt, will be required to correct this immediately using stock from our school uniform store. We ask for your full support in checking that any skirt purchased meets this standard before the start of term, to avoid any unnecessary disruption in September.

Non-Branded Uniform Items

All other items do not need to feature the school badge and can be purchased from any high street retailer or supermarket. These include:

- Sky blue shirt
- Black trousers

- Navy blue PE shorts
- Navy blue PE tracksuit bottoms
- Black PE leggings
- White PE sports socks
- White knee-length socks if wearing a skirt (please note that bows, frills, or patterns are not permitted)

For non-branded PE items, please ensure that any commercial sportswear branding is small, discreet, and minimal.

Additional branded items

Our uniform retailers also stock additional branded items, including branded PE shorts. Please be aware that you are under no obligation to buy these items from our uniform suppliers, and you are welcome to purchase unbranded alternatives from other suppliers which may be more cost effective.

For the branded items listed above, our recommended supplier is:

Top Marque Uniforms

7A Park Road,
Saint Annes,
FY8 1QX

Working Together

We greatly appreciate your partnership in ensuring all pupils meet our uniform expectations from their very first day. Maintaining a smart, consistent uniform promotes high personal standards, a readiness to learn, and a shared sense of pride and belonging within Saint Bede's.

If you have any queries regarding these requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. For your convenience, we have included the visual guides below to clarify what is and is not acceptable.

We look forward to welcoming your child back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher

UNIFORM & APPEARANCE



Examples of Acceptable Footwear

Shoes are acceptable if they are plain in colour, polishable and with minimal decoration. Essentially, they need to be shoes that can be described as plain, black, flat, sensible school shoes.



Examples of Unacceptable Footwear

Footwear is deemed to be unacceptable if it is any other colour than plain black, overly decorative or heeled. Trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes including sports brands or logos are not permitted.

