

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL
School Uniform Policy

Reviewed by the Governors' Education Committee, Summer 2023

Approved by the Full Governing Body, Summer 2023

To be reviewed Summer 2025

Rationale

Years 7 - 11

The Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021 and non-statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education requires schools to ensure that their uniforms provide value for money and meet obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.

Aim

School uniform is compulsory for students at St Bartholomew's School in Years 7 to 11. The aim of having a school uniform is to create a sense of belonging and purpose. It is also important that students feel equal among their peers. Uniform protects students and their families from social fashion pressures.

Uniform

The St Bart's uniform encompasses the school colours of green and purple, as well as the School's motto, *Ad Lucem*, and the four different House colours. This creates a source of pride and enables students to be recognisable in the local community. It also strengthens the House ethos in school.

It is expected that students wear their school uniform correctly and with respect, both in school and travelling to and from school.

The uniform does not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, gender and culture.

As required, the school will consult on uniform to ensure it meets requirements.

Principles

The four principles of the St Bart's uniform are quality, affordability, equality and sustainability.

- Quality

Uniform is worn by students for 39 weeks of the year; the St Bart's uniform suppliers provide items which are durable and practical to meet the needs of everyday school life.

- Affordability

Through having uniform suppliers with outlets on the high street, online and a second hand shop, pricing is competitive.

Families can purchase second hand uniform from the Parents' Association shop, which is well-stocked and offers good quality items at very affordable prices.

Students eligible to be supported by Pupil Premium funding are given financial support when purchasing uniform at the point of entry to St Bart's with additional support given at key points during Years 7 to 11.

High value items such as coats and school bags are not specific St Bart's uniform items.

- **Equality**

There is an intention to ensure all that there is equal choice regardless of gender . All students are expected to wear blazers, ties, trousers/skirts and the choice of shorts/skort for PE. More unisex uniform items have been introduced in the last year.

- **Sustainability**

The recent changes to the school uniform allow for more items to be passed on to other students, minimising wastage. The school encourages its suppliers to offer a range of sustainable items.

Families are encouraged to donate outgrown items to the Parents' Association's second hand uniform shop. Equally, at the end of Year 11 when uniform is no longer required, families are encouraged to donate to the second hand shop.

***This policy was agreed by Governors at a meeting of the Full Governing Body on
10th July 2023.***

APPENDIX A

St Bartholomew's School Uniform for Years 7 - 11

Please see the Parents' Handbook on the School's website for full details of required uniform items.

There are two school suppliers for the purchase of uniform. All items are available from Skoolkit and West Berkshire Clothing. In addition, there is a second hand uniform shop, run by the Parents' Association,

Skoolkit	West Berkshire Clothing	Parents' Association
40 East Street Parkway Shopping Centre Newbury (opposite Honesty Café) Tel: 01635 226703 Website orders www.skoolkit.co.uk	6C Colthrop Business Park Thatcham Berkshire RG19 4NB Tel: 01635 888798 www.westberkshireclothing.co.uk/school-shop Email: stbarts@westberkshireclothing.co.uk	Second hand uniform shop open at St Bart's on Friday afternoons in term time 3.00pm – 3.45pm. If you are unable to make that time please email requests to stbartspa@gmail.com

Sixth Form Dress Code

The Sixth Form Dress Code aims to ensure students are smart, whilst taking into account the rising cost of living and the desire for gender neutral attire. We aim to maintain our reputation of looking smart whilst ensuring that our Sixth Form is also inclusive.

We encourage our students to continue to wear smart business wear, such as suits, whilst operating within the framework of minimum expectations, so that **all** students will be able to be presentable and comfortable in attire that is both affordable and suitable.

The items of clothing which are not acceptable are:

- Ripped clothing
- Tracksuits, jogging bottoms, sports shorts and leggings
- Crop tops or tops with spaghetti straps
- Any offensive logos or images on items of clothing