



Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Blessed Robert Widmerpool pupils wear their uniform with pride. The school uniform shows that children are part of the Blessed Robert Widmerpool community. The school has the highest expectations of pupils with regards to school uniform and appearance. High standards promote positive behaviour; support effective teaching and learning; and contribute to the ethos of Blessed Robert Widmerpool.

Aims and objectives

The Blessed Robert Widmerpool policy aims to:

- Engender a sense of community and belonging to Blessed Robert Widmerpool
- Instil a sense of pride and loyalty in the School
- Make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Emphasise that it is our values and virtues inside that count
- Be practical, safe and smart and ready to learn
- Be fair and promote equality

Policy Guidelines

All students should wear their uniform when attending school, when representing the school or when participating in an event organised by the school. This includes when journeying to a from school. Students are encouraged to remember that they can be identified as pupils of Blessed Robert Widmerpool by their uniform, even when not on the school site. They are encouraged to behave in a way that represents Blessed Robert Widmerpool positively.

All parents should support the School Uniform and Appearance Policy. Parents are expected to send their children to school dressed correctly, ready for their studies, ensuring that the uniform is clean and in good repair.

All staff will support the School Uniform and Appearance Policy by promoting and maintaining high expectations with regards to uniform and appearance in lessons.

The Governing Body is responsible for implementing the School Uniform and Appearance Policy. And will liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity, and that it meets all regulations relating to equal opportunities.

Blessed Robert Widmerpool is a fully inclusive school and welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If any parents would like the School to modify the School Uniform and Appearance Policy, or if any parents need support in accessing the correct uniform, they should communicate this with their child's class teacher first. This will then be communicated to the headteacher, and if necessary, the Governing Body, who will always consider such requests sympathetically.

Uniform

Foundation Stage Uniform

- White polo tops

- Grey trousers for boys
- Grey skirts/pinafores for girls
- Green and white gingham dresses in warmer months
- No Tie
- Black school shoes rather than trainers
- White/Grey socks or black/grey/green tights
- For our Foundation Stage children, allowances can be made for children learning to use the toilet. We acknowledge that jogging bottoms are more manageable than trousers with a clip for younger children in these circumstances.

Primary Aged School Uniform

- White cotton shirt
- BRW School Tie
- Green school cardigan for girls
- Green school jumper for boys
- Grey trousers/shorts for boys
- Grey skirts or pinafores for girls, no higher than just above the knee
- Black/white/grey socks
- Black/grey tights
- Black school shoes rather than trainers
- Green and white checked gingham dress for girls in the summer

PE Kit

- Black shorts
- White T Shirt
- White socks
- Trainers
- Jogging bottoms and a hoodie or sweater should be worn during outdoor PE in the winter
- Hair tied back fully
- Watches and earrings removed

Appearance

Hair

- Hair that is long enough to obstruct a child's eyes should be tied back
- Hair accessories should be small, discrete and in school colours – green, grey or black
- Hair should be cut no shorter than a grade number 2 with no patterns or tram lines
- Hair colour/dye is not permitted in school
- Coloured hair braids are not permitted in school
- Visible hair products used to style hair are not permitted

Make Up

No form of make up is permitted on pupils in school. This includes nail varnish.

Jewellery

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery on Health and Safety grounds, except for wrist watches or small silver or gold studded earrings. If pupils have pierced ears, these must be removed for P.E. and swimming. Staff cannot support with the removal of earrings. Where ears are recently pierced, Clifton Leisure Centre can make allowances. This will only be in the first 6 weeks of ears being pierced.

Footwear

Black, waterproof school shoes should be worn. Trainers, even those that are black in colour, are NOT allowed to be worn at any time other than for PE lessons and playtime.

Boots (wellingtons) are allowed in wet weather/snow but must be changed when inside the school building.

Non-compliance with the School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Pupils whose appearance does not comply with the BRW School Uniform and Appearance Policy will, where age-appropriate, be reminded initially by adults in school.

Where uniform continues to breach the policy, class teachers or members of SLT will speak to parents. In some cases, pupils will be requested to go to the School Office who will contact the parents to request that the uniform be brought into school. If this is not possible, pupils may be provided with a spare piece of uniform to wear until the end of the school day.

Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the School Uniform and Appearance Policy will result in appropriate sanctions.

Conclusion:

Blessed Robert Widmerpool is very proud of the high standards we achieve in all areas of school life. Pupils represent not only themselves but also their families, communities and their school. We therefore ask that pupils maintain a high standard of appearance and wear their uniform with pride at all times.

The policy will be reviewed in September 2024