



4 April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to reiterate the expectations we have regarding uniform at St Dunstan's School. We take pride in our uniform; students wearing it correctly look smart and have a sense of belonging to a community.

Whilst the majority of students are dressed smartly and in full uniform, we have noticed some 'slippage' as we approach the end of term. The main issues we deal with are incorrect school shoes and 'forgotten' ties and/or blazers. We understand that occasionally these items get lost or shoes get left at a relative's house and so we have spent a considerable amount of money to ensure that we have spare uniform at school that we loan to students on those odd occasions.

Likewise, some students are arriving without the most basic of equipment such as a pen, pencil or ruler. Again, we have spent a considerable amount to ensure that we have equipment to loan on the odd occasion when a pen runs out or a ruler breaks, but it is the responsibility of students and parents to ensure that they bring the right equipment to school each day. It is concerning that some children do not have a school bag in which to keep equipment.

We have been reminding students this week about the correct uniform and, as of the first day back next term, we will be issuing the correct items to students who arrive incorrectly dressed. Please help us to support students by using the next two weeks to ensure that your child is in the correct uniform and has the correct equipment. Please note that school shoes should be **waterproof** and should clearly be a shoe. Trainers are not acceptable for schoolwear - in fact research shows that wearing trainers every day can actually damage children's feet. For information, Dr Marten's **shoes** are perfectly acceptable, boots are not.

Please see below, a link to our uniform leaflet:

<https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/uploads/files/uniform-and-appearance-march-2023.pdf>

Please note that following confusion about which skirts are in line with our uniform, we will be changing our school skirt requirement to a drop waisted, pleated skirt from September - if you wish to purchase this skirt for the rest of the school year, that would be fine. The official name of the skirt is the Charleston Drop Waist and the style can be seen here:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Charleston-Knife-Pleat-School-Skirt/dp/B0055G5ZC2?th=1>

This style of skirt can be bought from a range of suppliers and does not have to be purchased from the uniform shop.

Please also note that trousers should be straight legged, tailored and black - skin tight trousers and leggings are not part of our uniform.

Further communication will also be going home to specific students that are consistently attending wearing incorrect uniform. When we return from the Easter holidays, students in incorrect uniform will be expected to wear the correct items loaned by the school and return them at the end of the day.

I thank you in anticipation of your support with this matter and thank you again to those who are ensuring their children are in the correct uniform and have the required equipment.

If this causes any difficulty for you, please contact the school. We can order school uniform items on your behalf and you can reimburse us when you are able.

If you have any questions or need any clarification please contact the pastoral team via secretary@stdunstansschool.com with 'uniform' in the subject heading.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. M. Bevan'.

Mrs Bevan
Headteacher