

Uniform Policy

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1. School Aims

At St Leonard's we...

- pursue excellence in all and for all;
- take Christ as the model for life;
- strive to create community.

2. Introduction

The Governors of St Leonard's agree with the Department for Education and Skills in believing that 'uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. Uniform can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils'. Above all, we believe that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning.

All pupils attending St Leonard's are expected to wear the school uniform correctly and at all times in the school. This uniform has the full approval of the School Governors who are responsible for establishing the policy for school uniform. The Head Teacher must ensure pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed.

The Governing Body believes that uniform should be:

- uniform and not open to various interpretations;
- distinctive and smart;
- easily and readily available;
- reasonably priced.

3. St Leonard's Catholic School Uniform (Main School)

3.1 Boys Years 7-11

- Navy blue school blazer with school badge*
- Light blue shirt with button at neck.
- Optional navy School Blue V neck jumper (available only from Price & Buckland).
- Dark grey or black school style trousers (no chinos or slim fit trousers)
- School tie.
- Plain black uppers and soles. leather or imitation leather (not suede) sensible school shoes (no trainers, boots, or plimsolls).
- Dark socks.

** please note that as from September 2015 the blazer badge has reduced in size from 10cm to 8cm diameter. This is to allow suppliers to offer a blazer with embroidered badge and as a result it is not necessary to buy a badge in addition to the blazer. For parents who wish to purchase a non-embroidered blazer 8cm badges are available for purchase from school.*

3.2 Girls Year 7-11

- Navy blue school blazer with school badge*
- Light blue shirt with button at neck.
- Optional navy School Blue V neck jumper (available only from Price & Buckland).
- Approved navy blue drop waist pleated school style skirt of moderate length or navy blue school style trousers, not lycra or elastane. (Approved items are available from Price & Buckland via the school website.) *Please note that as from September 2015 only one style of school skirt is acceptable as school uniform.*
- School tie.
- Plain black leather or imitation leather sensible school shoes (no trainers, boots, high heels or plimsolls).
- Black tights.
- Black or white ankle or knee socks (no trainer socks or over the knee socks).
- Bare legs or flesh coloured tights are not allowed.

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3.3 All pupils

- Shirts are to be worn tucked into trousers or skirt.
- Blazers should be worn at all times.
- No fashion belts may be worn.
- No body piercings or tattoos.
- All are expected to have a suitable bag to carry books and equipment.

3.4 Jewellery, Make-Up and Hair

- No earrings or jewellery may be worn by any pupil. No other piercings are allowed.
- A wrist watch may be worn.
- No make-up or nail varnish may be worn.
- Pupils are not allowed to have extreme hairstyles or dyed hair which can cause distraction in school.

4. Physical Education Uniform (for Year 7 & 8 from September 2014)

As from September 2014 the school has introduced a new PE Uniform. **This new PE Uniform is compulsory for Year 7 & 8 pupils starting from September 2014.** Pupils in Years 9-11 may choose either the new or old PE uniform. This new uniform is specific to St Leonard's and is available exclusively from **Price & Buckland**. Orders can be placed online via the school website www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk.

Boys	Girls	Compulsory/Optional
Shorts (32303)	Shorts (32303)	Compulsory
Unisex Polo Shirt (6100)	Unisex Polo Shirt (6100)	Compulsory
Reversible Sports Shirt (6400)		Compulsory (Boys only)
Unisex Training Top (6600)	Unisex Training Top (6600)	Optional
Tracksuit Bottoms (6800)	Tracksuit Bottoms (6800)	Optional
Tracksuit Top (6611)	Tracksuit Top (6611)	Optional
	Skort (32315)	Optional (Girls only)
House Socks	House Socks	Compulsory
PE Navy Hoodie	PE Navy Hoodie	Optional

5. Uniform Stockists

Uniform is available from many retail outlets. Whilst the school does not require parents to purchase all uniform from a particular supplier, the School has in 2014 entered into partnership with Price & Buckland for the exclusive supply of PE Uniform. Price & Buckland also hold an approved stock of Main School Uniform. All items for sale from Price & Buckland via the school website have been approved as acceptable school uniform. Feedback from parental consultations has informed us that certain aspects of the school uniform most notably appropriate navy blue school skirts and girls' navy blue trousers have been difficult to source. Price and Buckland offer all items of uniform at a reasonable price. Visit our website for details www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk. Other stockists include Uniform, 8 Derwent Street, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear SR1 3NT and Parkins, 71 North Rd, Durham, County Durham DH1 4SQ. Please note that items from Price & Buckland have been approved whereas items from other stockists may vary.

Pupils who fail to wear uniform correctly will be dealt with according to the School's Behaviour Policy.

Parents who experience difficulty in providing the school uniform are asked to contact the school in confidence to discuss the problem.

The Head Teacher's decision on suitable items will be final.