

# FAQS



## Year 6 Transition Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your questions. Please keep sending them in. We will update this document when we receive any additional questions.

**Q: What is the latest information on purchasing school uniform?**

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM: Academic Year 2020-2021 – Years 7-11**

Thank you for the questions and queries about uniform for the next academic year. We have been working hard with our suppliers to ensure that uniform stocks are available now that factories are beginning to reopen. Earlier this year we shared with parents/carers our focus on ensuring that uniform was worn correctly and with pride. This included reference to the correct footwear, appropriate length skirts for girls and no 'skinny fit' trousers for boys. Further information and detail about uniform will be circulated soon. In the meantime, we thought it would be helpful to outline the following detail, which we are confident will help us all to improve the standard of our uniform from September. The information in **yellow** are the only developments. Please note that:

- the design of girls' skirt is **NOT** changing for September 2020 but the skirt must be the approved navy-blue drop waist pleated school style skirt of **knee length** or girls can wear navy blue school style trousers, not lycra or elastane.
- Boys' trousers should be **charcoal grey** **NOT** black and **MUST NOT** be 'skinny fit'. We have chosen grey as very few of these trousers come in a 'skinny fit'.
- Shoes are to be black leather, plain, formal and polished. Laces and stitching are to be black. Boots, black trainers, suede, canvas or casual shoes are not permitted. No high-heels or plimsolls.
- Suppliers: We would be very grateful to parents to help us to achieve these standard if you would purchase all items of uniform from our suppliers. We have negotiated a competitive price. As ever we will work with families in this area.

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 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.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stleonardscatholic>

Please note that items from Price & Buckland have been approved whereas items from other stockists may vary. A size and returns guide from Price & Buckland is attached to this available on our website.

Due to the current lockdown situation we are unable to offer a Uniform Evening, therefore Price & Buckland are offering our parent/carers of our new Year 7 pupils free returns. If necessary new Year 7 parents/carers can return uniform using the following link:

[www.royalmail.com/track-my-return/create/2864](http://www.royalmail.com/track-my-return/create/2864)



As you are aware, the national lockdown resulted in the temporary closure of many factories which has slowed the production of school uniform. Please be aware that some uniform items may not be in stock until August. However, we are assured that all items will be available for the new academic year.

**Q: When will we find out information about Tutor Groups?**

The first draft of the Tutor Groups has been completed. Information about your Tutor Group will be shared with you in the week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**Q: How do I apply for transport?**

We are working with the Passenger Transport department at Durham County Council to finalise the transport application process. Information should be available soon.

**Q: What do I need to have in my pencil case?**

You must provide yourself with the basic equipment you need to do your work well. This includes a Pencil Case (preferably transparent especially in Years 10 and 11), Blue/black pen, a spare pen, a green pen, two pencils, pencil sharpener, 30 cm ruler, an eraser, protractor, a set of coloured pencils and a calculator.

You need a School waterproof bag to carry books, equipment and P.E. kit. A handbag is not a suitable bag.

**Q: What do I need in my school bag?**

You need the books and equipment required for that day. Too many pupils carry all of their books and their bags get very heavy! Don't forget you can use your lockers to store your books if needed.

**Q: What do we do if we get lost?**

Every member of our school community has experienced a first day at St Leonard's and we know it can be daunting for many of our pupils. Staff and older pupils will be looking out for you for at least the first two weeks from when you start. A good tip is to learn your timetable as soon as possible but you can always ask a member of staff if you are unsure. Try to learn key places in the school such as your Head of Year office and the Main Hall to help you.

**Q: How do I pay for my lunch?**

We are all looking forward to our new catering arrangements! It is an exciting time for school lunches at St Leonard's as we work with the Bishop Wilkinson Trust to improve our catering facilities and menu. We will be sending out some more information soon, including a possible move to cashless payments. Watch this space.

