



School
Uniform
Policy

2026

Our Mission Statement

At Harrytown Catholic High School, our ethos is grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the values of the Catholic faith. Every child is valued, supported, and encouraged to grow spiritually, academically, and personally. We believe that education is a journey of the whole person – heart, mind, and soul – and we are proud to walk that journey with our students every day. Our school scripture inspires us to do this:

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

We believe that every young person is capable of growth, transformation, and excellence, empowered by the strength and grace of Jesus Christ and this is supported by our Mission:

Strengthened by Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, our Catholic school serves to support our young people to grow in faith and knowledge. We develop confident, resilient and aspirational young people who contribute and serve, with love and kindness, in our global community.

Our ethos and mission are embedded in all school policies to ensure that every aspect of school life reflects our Catholic values. Our policies promote the dignity and worth of each student and they foster an inclusive and respectful community where Gospel values guide behaviour, relationships, and decision-making. Curriculum, pastoral care, safeguarding, and behaviour policies are designed to nurture resilience, confidence, and aspiration, while encouraging service, compassion, and contribution to the wider world. In all we do, we strive to reflect Christ's love and empower students through His strength and grace.

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Statement of intent

Harrytown Catholic High School believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital for:

- Promoting the ethos of a school
- Providing a sense of belonging and identity
- Setting an appropriate tone for education

For the purposes of this policy, “uniform” includes the following elements of pupils’ appearance:

- Clothing, including the school uniform itself, variations of the school uniform such as PE kits, and other clothing worn at school, e.g. non-uniform
- Hairstyles and headwear
- Jewellery and other accessories
- Cosmetics such as makeup and nail polish

This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, is affordable, and provides the best value for money for both the school and pupils’ families.

We believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in a way that sets an appropriate tone for education.

1. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment. To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with our Deputy Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

This policy complies with the DfE Cost of School Uniforms Statutory Guidance 2026.

Roles and responsibilities

All staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times
- Where appropriate to their role, disciplining pupils who are in breach of this policy
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important, e.g. school identity

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy
- Informing the headteacher if their child requires an exemption to the uniform rules for a period of time, with a reason why
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the headteacher has granted an exemption
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate
- Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community

Staff will be permitted to discipline pupils for breaching this policy, where relevant to their role, in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.

The headteacher, or a person authorised by the headteacher, will be permitted to ask a pupil to briefly go home to remedy breaches to the school's uniform. When deciding whether to allow a pupil to return home, the member of staff will consider the pupil's age and vulnerability, the length of time it will take, and the availability of the pupil's parents. A parent will always be contacted before sending the pupil home – if contact with the pupil's parent cannot be made, the pupil will remain in school.

Where a pupil has been sent home to rectify uniform breaches, the absence will be recorded as 'authorised'. If a pupil repeatedly breaches uniform rules, or takes longer than necessary to rectify the absence, the absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

2. Cost principles

The school will develop its uniform policy in relation to the following starting principles:

- The school will seek to ensure that the uniform is affordable. In so doing, the school will consider the total cost of school uniforms, taking into account all items of uniform or clothing parents will need to provide while their child is at the school
- The school will seek to keep the use of branded items to a minimum with the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit being 4 or fewer, with one being the tie
- The school will seek to ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire

The school will keep variations in school uniform for different groups of pupils, e.g. year group-specific items or house colours, to a minimum to ensure that pupils can get the most wear out of their uniform and that parents can pass some items down to younger siblings. The school will keep branded uniform items to a minimal level that is reasonable for all members of the school community. The school defines a branded uniform item as any item of clothing that cannot be purchased at a range of retailers, e.g. supermarkets, due to the item's logo, colour, design, fabric or other unique element. Where the school requires an item of branded clothing, it will assess how prices can be kept as low as possible and put measures in place to facilitate this.

The school will meet the DfE's requirements and recommendations on costs and value for money. Care will be taken to ensure that school uniform is affordable for all current and prospective pupils, and that the best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers.

The school will work with multiple suppliers to obtain the best value for money possible. Any savings negotiated will be passed to parents where possible. The school will not enter into exclusive single-supplier contracts or cash-back arrangements.

3. Equality principles

The school takes its legal obligation to avoid unlawfully discriminating against any pupil very seriously.

In line with the above, the school will aim to ensure that its uniform policy is as inclusive as possible so that all pupils can access a school uniform which is comfortable, suitable for their needs, and reflects who they are, while avoiding any direct or indirect discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics or socio-economic status.

To avoid disproportionately impacting pupils of a certain gender, the school will ensure that the cost of uniform is as equal in price as possible across items for all genders. The school will not hold pupils of different genders to different uniform standards, e.g. by banning certain hairstyles for only one gender.

School will implement a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that pupils will not be required to wear specific items based on their gender, and may wear any of the uniform items listed in this policy regardless of the legal sex recorded on the school's records.

Religion and belief

To avoid disproportionately impacting pupils of a certain religion, belief or culture, the school will ensure that there is flexibility to allow pupils to present themselves in a way that adheres to their dress requirements as far as possible, within the school's uniform policy.

The school will endeavour to meet all requests for amendments to the uniform for these purposes; however, the needs and rights of individual pupils will be weighed against any health and safety concerns appropriate to the circumstances, e.g. if safety headgear needs to be worn.

To avoid disproportionately impacting pupils of a certain race, the school will ensure that its uniform policy does not constitute unlawful indirect discrimination through blanket rules.

SEND and medical conditions

To avoid disproportionately impacting pupils with SEND or medical conditions, the school will ensure its uniform policy takes into account the needs of these pupils and individual adaptations to the uniform will be considered wherever possible.

4. Complaints and challenges

The school will endeavour to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

In considering a complaint, parents should be aware that teachers can sanction pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. The school expects this to be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy. The school aims to deal with pupil non-compliance in a proportionate and fair way.

5. School uniform supplier

The school's current school uniform suppliers are:

Bonny Bouncer, Stockport Road West, Bredbury, SK6 2AN

Monkhouse Schoolwear, Chestergate, Stockport, SK3 0AN

The school will order new uniform each December. Where the school is proposing to change suppliers, it will reach out to suppliers by October in the determination year.

6. Uniform Guidelines

Compulsory items	Optional items
Navy blue blazer with embroidered badge on the breast pocket	Plain navy V neck pullover/cardigan
Pale blue school shirt/blouse – long or short sleeved	¾ zip PE top with Harrytown school logo
Clip on school tie	PE Training trouser/leggings with Harrytown school logo
Black standard straight legged school trousers (not jeans, drainpipe, casual, flares or leggings)	Studded footwear is recommended for football and rugby lessons

Plain black socks	
School shoes	
PE polo shirt with Harrytown school logo	
PE shorts with Harrytown school logo	
Blue PE socks	
PE Trainers	
Shin pads are required for football and hockey	
Gum shields for rugby and hockey	

Please note that:

- Designer labels/logos are NOT acceptable on any uniform items, including footwear
- Jeans, drainpipe, casual, flares, ribbed or leggings must NOT be worn
- All blazers are required to have the embroidered school badge
- Casual sweatshirts and hoodies are NOT permitted
- Jewellery is NOT permitted to be worn in school. It will be confiscated and kept securely until the end of term
- Use of see-through studs and plasters to cover piercings is NOT acceptable
- Extreme hairstyles, shaved patterns or designs, including brightly/unnaturally dyed hair are NOT permitted
- Football scarves/baseball caps are NOT allowed to be worn with school uniform
- Pupils are NOT allowed to wear nail polish, acrylic/shellac/gel nails or nail extensions
- Fingernails should be kept at an appropriate length so that they do not interfere with the effective operation of equipment such as keyboards and writing/drawing equipment
- Clip on ties are the only tie option from September and we would ask for parents' support in this matter

Footwear for all Harrytown pupils

All shoes should be plain black leather with a low heel, and below the ankle. High or platform heeled or boot type shoes, trainers, sports brands, prominent logos, 'dolly' type shoes (without safety strap) are NOT acceptable due to safety.

Please be aware that just because shoes are in the 'school shoe' section of a shop does not mean that they are acceptable in school. No sports brands are acceptable, even if they are plain coloured.

Here are some examples of acceptable and unacceptable shoes:



If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of the shoes please check with your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Manager before purchasing them.

Shoes must follow all aspects of the school regulations and if not, you will be asked to change them.

And finally:

Upon review we may make amendments to the uniform guidelines, but parents/carers will be clearly informed in advance AND in writing.

Please do not accept verbal reports of supposed changes. If in doubt, please contact the school.