

Uniform Policy

September 2024

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Company Number: 7743523

Registered Office: The Becket School, The Becket Way, Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QY

Uniform plays an important part in supporting and promoting our ethos of 'Work hard, be loving and do the right thing'. It sets the appropriate tone for education and provides a sense of belonging and identity to our Catholic school.

Working with our supplier the cost of our uniform is reviewed each year to ensure that it is 'reasonable and secures the best value for money and parents'. We recognise that the quality and durability of a garment are important considerations alongside its base cost, as we know that high quality uniforms are sustainable and long lasting, producing savings for families over the longer term.

The compulsory branded items that are included in our general school uniform have been kept to the minimum and are longer lasting items. For the general school uniform these include the school trouser, school skirt and tie and for the PE kit include the PE shorts and PE polo shirt. Other branded items are optional.

For selected items including the tie, school badge, school trousers, school skirt, PE shorts, PE polo shirt and PE socks the school has a set provider (Big Fish). Purchasing items from our supplier is highly recommended as parents can then be certain that uniform is correct. The service they provide includes:

- Online ordering from https://www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk/school/login , The login details for this is Username: Becket Password: Pelican6
- Uniform events in the summer term which parents will be informed of
- Free delivery service to the school during term time only or Deliveries to home via the DPD company which comes with a delivery charge
- Personalised service for parents that may need uniform that is different from the standard sizing

The school ensures that there's is a competitive procurement process, and this contract will be re-tendered at least every five years. These arrangements provide better value for money for families, ensure year-round availability of products for all pupils, and enables our retailer to provide tailored affordability support to those who need it.

The school provides extra support with the cost of school uniform to eligible families. We also ensure a constant supply of second-hand uniform which is available for parents to acquire. We will ensure that all second-hand uniform is still of a high standard and suitable for second hand provision. Parents, who wish to access second hand uniform or feel that they would be eligible for extra support with the cost of our school uniform are to contact their child's Progress Leader.

Progress Leaders (Sept 2024-July2025)

Year 7 – Mr Gill	l.gill@becketonline.co.uk
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Year 11 – Mr Ward	h.ward@becketonline.co.uk

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Tie		School tie.	Tied in a single knot with 6 or more stripes showing.
Blazer		Black Blazer.	To be always worn within the school building and can only be removed with staff permission. Sleeves should remain long.
Badges		A school and house badge are to be worn on the blazer.	The only other badges permitted on a blazer are those given out by school e.g. achievement, commendations.
Shirt		White traditional school shirt with formal collar. Long or short sleeves.	Three-quarter sleeves and tailored shirts are not permitted. The top button must be always fastened. Shirts must be always tucked into skirts or trousers, including during breaks and lunch.
Skirt	8	Branded school skirt	 Belts should not be worn with skirts, and skirts should not be rolled up. The gap between the knee and hem should not exceed 4cm. Students in Year 9 and above must wear the senior-length skirt, with exceptions made for students considered petite.
Trousers		Branded school trousers.	
Lanyard		Lanyard to be always worn while on the school premises	Students are required to visibly always wear their identity cards, along with the correct colour lanyard corresponding to their year.

Jumper		Plain mid grey. V neck. Long sleeves.	Cardigans are not permitted. Jumpers should not be tucked into skirts or trousers, nor should they be modified at the back (e.g., tied in a knot). Jumpers must not be worn without the blazer. Sweater-style jumpers are also not allowed.
Socks		Plain black and grey socks only.	White socks are not permitted. Socks must cover the ankle—no trainer socks, pop socks, or knee- high/long socks are allowed. Socks should be plain, without frills, extra designs, or logos. Additionally, socks must not be worn over tights.
Tights		Plain black or grey colour.	Skin-coloured tights are not permitted, nor are patterned tights, leggings, or footless tights.
Shoes		Black, traditional school shoes. Preferably with a strap, laces or buckle.	Boots are not permitted. Slip-on shoes may only be worn if they fully cover the top of the foot, providing protection. Open-toe shoes are not allowed. Trainers (black or otherwise), shoes with sports logos, or athletic-style laces will be considered as trainers. Students wearing trainers will be asked to wear school-provided shoes.
Coat		Plain and black, no patterns.	Hoodies are not allowed and will be confiscated. A small, discreet logo on the side of coats is permitted. Fur coats, leather jackets, denim, and fur or faux fur coats and gilets are not allowed.
Scarf, hat, gloves		Black and plain.	Only black scarves are permitted—no patterns. Hats with logos or baseball caps are not allowed
Earrings	× ,	One small discreet silver or gold spherical stud in each earlobe.	Only spherical studs are permitted (no other shapes), with no stones within the studs. Facial, tongue, or body piercings are not allowed, and clear/retainer studs are not permitted.

Hair bobbles/ Alice bands		To be black and discreet.	
School bags		A black rucksack or other school bag of appropriate size for school.	No small rucksacks, no paper-type shopping bags or plastic bags. No handbag-style bags. A small discreet logo will be permitted.
Hair styles		Hairstyles must be smart and practical. Level 1 shaving is allowed on the sides of the head, but the hair on top must be longer and graduated. Braids are welcome, including Box, Goddess, Dutch, French, and Fulani braids. One bead, matching the student's hair colour, may be worn at the end of each braid. Conventional wigs and weaves are permitted	The following are not permitted: tram lines or patterns shaved into the hair, zero or level 1 shaving all over the head (buzz cuts), undercuts, and hair dye that is more than two shades lighter or darker than the natural colour. Woven strands of any colour are not allowed in braids. Any hair extensions must match the natural hair colour or not exceed two shades lighter or darker. Long hair must be tied back during lessons where it could pose a health and safety risk.
NOT ALLOWE D Make-up, fake eyelashes, nail varnish, false nails, tattoos, jewellery (including rings, necklaces, bracelets, and hair jewellery), and electrical devices (including mobile phones, smartwatches, smart devices, cameras, and iPods) are not permitted. Aerosols and laser pens should also not be brought into school.			

Baseball caps and hoodies are not allowed. These items will be confiscated and addressed according to the School Behaviour Policy. Hairstyles or colours that draw undue attention to an individual are not acceptable. Black "trainer-type shoes" from sports brands (e.g., Nike, Adidas, Puma, Lonsdale, Converse, Vans, etc.) will not be accepted as school shoes. Students may be sent home for any of the above violations

The school will be the final arbiter on what is deemed to be acceptable as school uniform.

Naming of pupil property is important for clear identification if it is misplaced or lost. In exceptional circumstances, where students are unable to wear correct school dress, parents are asked to provide a note for the form tutor to consider.

Aerosols, laser pens, all electrical items such as ipods, mobile phones, smart devices, cameras, smart watches and items which interfere with the smooth running of the school day are all banned items and must be left at home. You should be aware that these items may be searched for and if found will be confiscated. A confiscated item will be dealt with in accordance with the School Behaviour Policy.

PE Kit requirements

Compulsory items				
POLO SHIRT Becket blue polo shirt with school logo	SHORTSFORBOYS/SKORTFORGIRLSBecketbluewithschoollogo	SOCKS Plain Blue socks	TRAINER Sports Trainers	
Highly Recomm	ended			
FOOTBALL BOOTS WITH MOULDED STUDS OR BLADES Used for Rugby, Football and Cross country. If there is difficulty with the provision of these, please bring in a note from home.		BECKET HOODIE Becket Blue Hoodie with logo		
Optional items				
NAVYBECKETTRACKPANTS(Can be replaced by plain Navy joggers)	NAVY MID LAYER	NAVYBECKETLEGINS(Can be replacedby plainNavyleggings)		
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Students are expected to arrive at lessons with the appropriate kit, so that the learning environment is positive and safe

All students must bring their PE kit, including those who are injured or cannot participate.

Students must also bring a note and will be expected to participate as fully as their injury/ailment allows. This may include; coaching, refereeing or officiating.

All students are made aware of these expectations when they begin school and are further reminded every September.

Students are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. They must be removed. Any piercings should be done in the summer holidays to allow the ears time to heal. Failure to remove earrings will result in the student being removed from the lesson and isolated in our Reflection Centre.

The school reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any child whose uniform does not comply with these requirements set out in this policy