



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As outlined in the newsletter last week, all schools are now required to comply with new legislation on school uniforms. For primary schools, uniforms can now only have three compulsory branded items, and this means we are having to make some small changes to our uniform policy from this September.

In summary:

- ❖ The Main Academy Uniform (including the Summer Uniform) remains entirely unchanged.
- ❖ Reception to Year 6 pupils still require three school bags – their main school bag, a book bag, and a PE kit bag – but the bags with academy branding (available from Shah's) are no longer compulsory and parents can choose to purchase alternative bags if you prefer.
- ❖ The academy is introducing a new PE kit available through Shah's from early August. The branded PE Kit is no longer compulsory so parents will need to choose one of three options for their child's PE Kit as detailed in the charts later in this letter.

As a school we place great value on the importance of our uniform and its contribution to our school's ethos, and the way it helps to foster camaraderie and friendship between children, and gives a sense of belonging and togetherness to every child in our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in adhering to the requirements of our uniform policy, and helping bring about the benefits that this brings to all our children, and thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Wishing you a very happy and restful summer break.

Your sincerely,

Mr. M. Strong, Headteacher

Please see the information on the following pages for full details of the Main Uniform, Summer Uniform, and PE Kit requirements for the academy. All the charts contained in this letter can also be found on our website.

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ACADEMY UNIFORM

NURSERY (Class 1)

The table below shows the three branded items of uniform which are compulsory and confirms there are no changes to our requirements for September 2026:

NURSERY	
Our 3 compulsory branded items	Changes for September 2026
Blue academy jumper/cardigan	There are NO CHANGES to the uniform requirements in the Nursery.
Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	
Book bag with academy badge and branding	

ACADEMY UNIFORM

RECEPTION to YEAR 6 (Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12)

The table below shows the three branded items of uniform which are compulsory, the optional choices, and details any changes to our requirements for September 2026:

(Please note, all children are required to have three school bags: their main school bag, a book bag, and a PE kit bag, but parents have the choice of purchasing the academy's branded school bags from Shah's, or equivalent bags of your own choice).

RECEPTION - YEAR 6	
Our 3 compulsory branded items	Changes for September 2026
Blue academy jumper/cardigan	The only changes to the main academy uniform relate to our school bags.
Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	
Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	
Our Optional choices	Changes for September 2026
Blue academy blazer remains optional (this item must be ordered in advance from Shah's)	NO CHANGE
Summer uniform also remains optional	NO CHANGE
Academy Infant/Junior bag (with academy badge and branding) remains optional	NO CHANGE
Academy book bag (with academy badge and branding) is now optional	CHANGE
Academy PE kit bag (with academy badge and branding) is now optional	CHANGE

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ACADEMY UNIFORM

NURSERY (CLASS 1)

TERM	BOYS' UNIFORM	Ticked items are only available from Shah's	GIRLS' UNIFORM	Ticked items are only available from Shah's
ADVENT TERM AND LENT TERM	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White polo shirt (not showing badge, so not exclusive to Shah's)		White polo shirt (not showing badge, so not exclusive to Shah's)	
	Black long trousers		Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	Black socks		White socks or black tights	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)	
PENTECOST TERM	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White polo shirt (not showing badge, so not exclusive to Shah's)		White polo shirt (not showing badge, so not exclusive to Shah's)	
	Black long trousers or black short trousers		Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	Black socks		White socks	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)	
BAGS FOR CHILDREN IN NURSERY Every child requires TWO school bags: their main school bag, and a book bag. For the main school bag, parents can purchase the Academy Infant main school bag with the academy branding from Shah's or parents can purchase a main school bag of their own choice. The book bag is a COMPULSORY purchase from Shah's.				
Academy INFANT main school bag (small rucksack showing academy badge) ✓		or another bag of your own choice		
Academy book bag (showing academy badge and name) ✓				

Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.
 Shah's is located in Scunthorpe Town Centre, on West Street directly opposite the car park.



ACADEMY UNIFORM

RECEPTION (CLASSES 2 AND 3)

Please note that the uniform includes an optional blue academy blazer showing the academy badge which is available for purchase from Shah's and must be ordered in advance.

TERM	BOYS' UNIFORM	Ticked items are only available from Shah's	GIRLS' UNIFORM	Ticked items are only available from Shah's
ADVENT TERM AND LENT TERM	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White long-sleeved shirt or white short-sleeved shirt		White long-sleeved blouse or white short-sleeved blouse	
	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓
	Black long trousers		Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	Black socks		White socks or black tights	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)	
During the Pentecost Term, children may continue to wear the same uniform as shown above for the Advent and Lent Terms, OR in place of the items highlighted in light blue, they may wear the items of summer uniform highlighted in yellow.				
PENTECOST TERM	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	EITHER White long-sleeved shirt or white short-sleeved shirt		EITHER White long-sleeved blouse or white short-sleeved blouse	
	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓
			Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	OR White academy polo shirt showing academy badge	✓	OR Blue and white striped academy summer dress	✓
	Black long trousers or black short trousers			
	Black socks		White socks	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)	
BAGS FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION Every child requires THREE school bags: their main school bag, a book bag, and a PE kit bag. All three bags with the academy branding are only available from Shah's, as shown by the green ticks below. Alternatively, parents can purchase bags of their own choice from another retailer.				
Academy INFANT main school bag (small rucksack showing academy badge)		✓	or a main school bag of your choice	
Academy book bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓	or a book bag of your choice	
Academy PE kit bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓	or a PE kit bag of your choice	

Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.
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ACADEMY UNIFORM

KEY STAGE 1 (CLASSES 4, 5, AND 6)

Please note that the uniform includes an optional blue academy blazer showing the academy badge which is available for purchase from Shah's and must be ordered in advance.

TERM	BOYS' UNIFORM	Ticked items are only available from Shah's	GIRLS' UNIFORM	Ticked items are only available from Shah's
ADVENT TERM AND LENT TERM	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White long-sleeved shirt or white short-sleeved shirt		White long-sleeved blouse or white short-sleeved blouse	
	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓
	Black long trousers		Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	Black socks		White socks or black tights	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)	
During the Pentecost Term, children may continue to wear the same uniform as shown above for the Advent and Lent Terms, OR in place of the items highlighted in light blue, they may wear the items of summer uniform highlighted in yellow.				
PENTECOST TERM	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	EITHER White long-sleeved shirt or white short-sleeved shirt		EITHER White long-sleeved blouse or white short-sleeved blouse	
	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓
			Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	OR White academy polo shirt showing academy badge	✓	OR Blue and white striped academy summer dress	✓
	Black long trousers or black short trousers			
	Black socks		White socks	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)	
BAGS FOR CHILDREN IN KEY STAGE 1 Every child requires THREE school bags: their main school bag, a book bag, and a PE kit bag. All three bags with the academy branding are only available from Shah's, as shown by the green ticks below. Alternatively, parents can purchase bags of their own choice from another retailer.				
Academy INFANT main school bag (small rucksack showing academy badge)		✓	or a main school bag of your choice	
Academy book bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓	or a book bag of your choice	
Academy PE kit bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓	or a PE kit bag of your choice	

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ACADEMY UNIFORM

KEY STAGE 2 (CLASSES 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12)

Please note that the uniform includes an optional blue academy blazer showing the academy badge which is available for purchase from Shah's and must be ordered in advance.

TERM	BOYS' UNIFORM	Ticked items are only available from Shah's	GIRLS' UNIFORM	Ticked items are only available from Shah's
ADVENT TERM AND LENT TERM	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White long-sleeved shirt or white short-sleeved shirt		White long-sleeved blouse or white short-sleeved blouse	
	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓
	Black long trousers		Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	Black socks		White socks or black tights	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)	
During the Pentecost Term, children may continue to wear the same uniform as shown above for the Advent and Lent Terms, OR in place of the items highlighted in light blue, they may wear the items of summer uniform highlighted in yellow.				
PENTECOST TERM	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	EITHER White long-sleeved shirt or white short-sleeved shirt		EITHER White long-sleeved blouse or white short-sleeved blouse	
	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓
			Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	OR White academy polo shirt showing academy badge	✓	OR Blue and white striped academy summer dress	✓
	Black long trousers or black short trousers			
	Black socks		White socks	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use – no slippers)	
BAGS FOR CHILDREN IN KEY STAGE 2 Every child requires THREE school bags: their main school bag, a book bag, and a PE kit bag. All three bags with the academy branding are only available from Shah's, as shown by the green ticks below. Alternatively, parents can purchase bags of their own choice from another retailer.				
Academy JUNIOR main school bag (large rucksack showing academy badge)		✓	or a main school bag of your choice	
Academy book bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓	or a book bag of your choice	
Academy PE kit bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓	or a PE kit bag of your choice	

Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.
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ACADEMY PE KIT

In order for your child to be allowed to take part in PE and sporting activities at the school, it is essential that all pupils (excluding Nursery) wear a PE kit. There are three options that parents can choose from as outlined below.

OPTION 1 NEW PE KIT

All items of the **NEW PE KIT** will be available for purchase from Shah's by early August 2026. Shah's is located in Scunthorpe Town Centre, on West Street directly opposite the car park.



UNCHANGED
Quarter-Zip Fleece

ROYAL BLUE FLEECE with school badge; red and gold stripes on arms and shoulders



NEW
Short-Sleeved Sports Shirt

NAVY BLUE SHIRT with school badge; vertical stripes of blue, red, and gold on front and back of shirt



NEW
Shorts

NAVY BLUE SHORTS



NEW
Jogging Trousers

NAVY BLUE
JOGGING TROUSERS

In order to reduce overall cost to parents, the school has switched PE kit supplier and has developed a new kit for our pupils. None of the above PE kit branded items are compulsory. However, in line with Department for Education guidance, schools can specify the alternatives which will be accepted where parents decide not to purchase the branded academy PE kit. Please see Option 2 below for items of clothing that will be accepted as an alternative PE kit.

OPTION 2 UNBRANDED PE KIT

Children can do PE in an **UNBRANDED PE KIT** with no school colours or school badge but the items **must** be in the colours and styles indicated below.



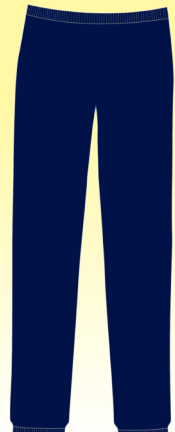
ROYAL BLUE
Quarter-Zip Fleece



NAVY BLUE
Round Neck T-Shirt



NAVY BLUE
Shorts



NAVY BLUE
Jogging Trousers

Please note that the academy will not allow the wearing of expensive branded items (such as Adidas or Nike, etc.) under any circumstances, nor will we allow the wearing of other branded professional team kits, such as England or Liverpool, Manchester United, etc., or any other Football Club or National Team kits.

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To further assist families who would like to get the full use out of their existing PE kit, children will be allowed to wear the existing academy branded PE kit items for as long as they fit your child, and any of these items can also be handed down to siblings.



Our reasons for encouraging parents to choose the new PE kit (Option 1)

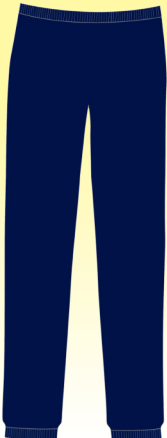
- ❖ The academy strongly believes in the importance of the uniform, which includes the PE kit, to foster a sense of togetherness and team spirit for every child in our academy community.
- ❖ As the DfE's own guidance states, uniform promotes the ethos of a school, gives a sense of belonging and identity, sets an appropriate tone for education, and acts as a social leveller.
- ❖ Much of the sport we undertake at school is team-orientated, including the many out-of-school events we take part in against other schools. Our PE kit provides a clear and visible sign to each child that they are an important part of the same team; our PE kit therefore promotes cohesion and unity within our school identity; it encourages children to be team players and develops the camaraderie that comes with this; incidentally, other schools often comment on the smartness of our PE kit at such events.
- ❖ We also believe that, in having a smart but reasonably priced academy PE kit, this avoids a situation where some children could wear expensive branded items, such as Adidas and Nike, which other families may not be able to afford.
- ❖ At events such as Sports Day, it is lovely that all the children are dressed the same, helping them to feel part of our school ethos, wearing the academy badge with pride and encouraging each other in their races and rooting for each other to do well.

**PLEASE SEE THE PE KIT CHARTS AND VISUAL GUIDES
outlining the requirements for each class on the following pages.**



OPTION 1 NEW PE KIT

REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CLASS

OPTION 1 NEW PE KIT All items of the NEW PE KIT will be available for purchase from Shah's by early August 2026. Shah's is located in Scunthorpe Town Centre, on West Street directly opposite the car park.				
 UNCHANGED Quarter-Zip Fleece ROYAL BLUE FLEECE with school badge; red and gold stripes on arms and shoulders  NEW Short-Sleeved Sports Shirt NAVY BLUE SHIRT with school badge; vertical stripes of blue, red, and gold on front and back of shirt  NEW Shorts NAVY BLUE SHORTS  NEW Jogging Trousers NAVY BLUE JOGGING TROUSERS				
CLASS	IF CHOOSING OPTION 1 THE REQUIRED ITEMS OF THE NEW PE KIT FOR EACH CLASS ARE SHOWN BY RED TICKS			
	Quarter-Zip Fleece	Short-Sleeved Sports Shirt	Shorts	Jogging Trousers
NURSERY (Class 1)				
RECEPTION (Classes 2 and 3)		✓	✓	
KEY STAGE 1 (Classes 4, 5, and 6)	✓	✓	✓	✓
KEY STAGE 2 (Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12)	✓	✓	✓	✓

Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.



OPTION 2 UNBRANDED PE KIT

REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CLASS

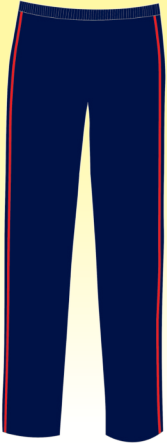
<b style="color: red;">OPTION 2 UNBRANDED PE KIT Children can do PE in an UNBRANDED PE KIT with no school colours or school badge but the items must be in the colours and styles indicated below.				
 ROYAL BLUE Quarter-Zip Fleece  NAVY BLUE Round Neck T-Shirt  NAVY BLUE Shorts  NAVY BLUE Jogging Trousers				
CLASS	IF CHOOSING OPTION 2 THE REQUIRED ITEMS OF UNBRANDED PE KIT FOR EACH CLASS ARE SHOWN BY RED TICKS			
	Quarter-Zip Fleece	Round Neck T-Shirt	Shorts	Jogging Trousers
NURSERY (Class 1)				
RECEPTION (Classes 2 and 3)		✓	✓	
KEY STAGE 1 (Classes 4, 5, and 6)	✓	✓	✓	✓
KEY STAGE 2 (Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12)	✓	✓	✓	✓

Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.



OPTION 3 EXISTING PE KIT

REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CLASS

<b style="color: red;">OPTION 3 EXISTING PE KIT Children can use the EXISTING PE KIT for as long as it fits, and it can be used by siblings. Some of these items may become available through the school Uniform Exchange events.				
 Quarter-Zip Fleece  Short-Sleeved Polo Shirt  Shorts  Tracksuit Trousers				
CLASS	IF CHOOSING OPTION 3 THE REQUIRED ITEMS OF THE EXISTING PE KIT FOR EACH CLASS ARE SHOWN BY RED TICKS			
	Quarter-Zip Fleece	Short-Sleeved Polo Shirt	Shorts	Tracksuit Trousers
NURSERY (Class 1)				
RECEPTION (Classes 2 and 3)		✓	✓	
KEY STAGE 1 (Classes 4, 5, and 6)	✓	✓	✓	✓
KEY STAGE 2 (Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12)	✓	✓	✓	✓

Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.