



Blessed Robert Sutton

Catholic Voluntary Academy

18th July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Back to school – Tuesday 3rd September 2019

We have completed all our preparations for the new academic year which begins on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019** and have finalised our Key Stage 4 options, constructed the timetable and planned the school calendar. We have also produced a **'Pastoral Guide'** for parents. This guide brings together in one place everything that you need to support us in the teaching of your child in the coming years.

Uniform

Uniform is key at Blessed Robert Sutton for two reasons. Firstly, functional clothing ensures that pupils are ready and safe to learn. Secondly, it ensures 'uniformity' where there are no distinctions between pupils to detract from learning. I have been delighted by the appearance of the vast majority of pupils at Blessed Robert Sutton and thank you for your support. Please be assured that you are not the only parent enforcing uniform rules and your child is not the only pupil not allowed to wear the latest fashion. These are the plaintive cries of thousands of Secondary school pupils across the country. Please consult our Pastoral Guide/website, before purchasing any item of uniform.

Footwear

Recent fashion trends have led to some children persuading their parents/carers that 'trainer style' footwear is acceptable for school. They are not. Converse trainer-type shoes are not robust enough for the day to day demands of school life. I hope that by explaining this to you now you will be forewarned that shoes should be worn to school. Again, please consult our Pastoral Guide/website, before purchasing school shoes.

Skirts/Trousers

School skirts and trousers must be black and tailored. Regardless of what is sold as 'school uniform' in some supermarkets. Please check that items you purchase meet our uniform requirements. Clothing which is too tight or short is inappropriate for school.

Uniform requirements

Blazer	Black blazer with school logo. Blazers must be worn at all times, unless permission has been given by a member of staff to remove it.
Shirt and Tie	Plain white shirt or blouse with collar, tucked into waistband of trousers/skirt - must be worn with a school tie knotted to the neck. School Tie appropriate for Lower School (Y7-9) and Upper School (Y10-11).

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Trousers / Skirts	Plain black straight leg tailored (loose fit) school trousers. (Denim/jeans/tight fit/cropped trousers/turn ups/low slung or Lycra based trousers are not allowed). Plain black knee length , tailored, straight skirt (Lycra, tight fit skirts are not allowed)
Optional Jumper	Black v-neck jumper with school logo.
Footwear	Smart black polishable shoes (no high heels, boots, fashion shoes, trainers, sandals or Converse type pumps).
Jewellery	A wrist watch. A light chain crucifix. A single stud earring. A set of plain stud earrings, one in each ear, worn in the lower ear lobe. No other piercings/jewellery is permitted. Nose-ring or earring retainers are not permitted.
Outdoor Wear	Outdoor waterproof coats, capable of being worn over the blazer. Hoodies or tracksuit style tops are not permitted.
Belts	Plain black (without studs).
Hair/Make-up	Hair should be neat and tidy without decorative attachments. Extreme styles, unnatural hair colours, tramlines, shaved shapes in the hair or eyebrows are not permitted. If make-up is worn, it should be moderate and unobtrusive. False eyelashes, nail polish, false/acrylic nails are not permitted.
School Bags	These should be of a suitable size to accommodate A4 sized books, folders and sports equipment, e.g. rucksack, satchel, messenger bag. Handbags are not appropriate as a school bag.
Socks / Tights	Black or charcoal school socks. Pupils should not wear white socks. Black or natural coloured tights (not patterned).
Mobile Phones & other Electronic Devices:	There is no need to bring electronic devices into school. Mobile phones must be switched off (not just on silent) and remain in the pupil's bag whilst on the school site. If mobile phones are seen or heard they will be confiscated. If a pupil has a mobile phone, visible on the school site, it will be confiscated as per the Mobile phone policy. The same applies to gaming devices, earphones, speakers and any other music device.

If a pupil's uniform or appearance does not match our expectations they will have to correct it before being allowed into lessons.

Basic Equipment

When you are stocking your child's pencil case for the new academic year, we hope you find the following helpful:

- School bag (a large rucksack style bag)
- A current reading book
- Scientific calculator
- 2 x black pens
- 1 x purple pen
- 2 x pencils
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- Highlighters
- Glue stick

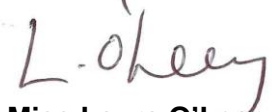
If pupils do not have these equipment items, their Form Tutor will direct them to purchase stationery from school.

We are very proud of our school and of our pupils. We know that you share our belief that high standards of uniform, behaviour and attendance are key to ensuring that our pupils make the most progress they can in a safe and supportive environment for learning.

If you do have any questions ahead of the new academic year, please do not hesitate to email me - laura.oleary@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk.

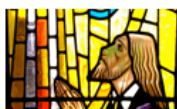
Thank you in advance for your anticipated support and understanding. I wish you an enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully



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