



The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust

Uniform Policy Statement

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2		Update to guidance following Children's well-being bill 24/25	29/09/2025

This policy applies to all academies within the DCET

It is important that pupils in the Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust schools feel a sense of belonging and community through a smart and practicable uniform. We believe a uniform allows all pupils, regardless of background, to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We are committed to promoting equality and value for money, and to ensuring that no pupil is unfairly discriminated against.

As a Trust we will ensure that our school's follow the legal cap placed on branded items as set out in the Children's Wellbeing bill (April 2025). The guidance can be found here:

[Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: saving parents money on school uniform costs – The Education Hub](#)

Our schools, of differing characters and composition, are all 'uniformed' schools. Each school through its leaders and local governing committees, sets expectations and articulates what items are and are not acceptable and which items will be expected to be branded if any.

To support our children and their families, our schools will endeavour to keep uniform costs reasonable by not insisting on unnecessary items, avoiding frequent changes and providing 'lead in' time where possible, and through working with a range of suppliers that offer competitive price points for families.

Our schools look to minimise a reliance on branded items, although recognising the value that is derived from a sense of pride in the school, and making its pupils clearly identifiable to their communities.

Our schools support families wishing to access second-hand garments as cheaper and more environmentally sustainable alternatives to new purchases.

Specific school uniform information is published on each school's own website, with this Trust-wide Policy Statement appended to it. Please consult with the school website for further information on uniform requirements.