

21st June 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian

<u>Uniform Arrangements at St Regis – September 2023</u>

In September, students will be returning to St. Regis Church of England Academy. School uniform and student appearance is important as it promotes a sense of pride in our school and demonstrates to people outside school what it means to be a St Regis student. We will be strict on uniform in September and your support in this area will be much appreciated.

New Uniform

- As part of our renaming, we will have a new school badge to attach to our blazers, and new ties for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students.
- For new Year 7 students, or if you would be replacing your child's blazer this summer anyway, the new blazer will either come already with the new badge on it, or will be provided with a new badge patch to secure over the old badge.
- For any student returning to school in the summer in an existing blazer, the school will provide a new badge patch to secure over the old badge, and will support your child with securing this patch on correctly on their first day back. This will be free of charge.
- New ties will be provided to every student on their first day back, and will be free of charge. Please note, these are full-length (and **not** clip on ties). We will be teaching students how to tie a full-length tie. You could support us by teaching your child over the summer holidays.
- The only other main change to the current uniform expectations is that from September, black jumpers of any kind will not be part of the uniform. Students will only be permitted to wear a white shirt and the school blazer – no jumper.
- For next academic year, the PE kit remains unchanged.

Footwear

- Shoes are permitted
- They should be entirely black and leather (or a leather style in appearance).
- They should not have any logos or writing on them.
- Trainers, canvas shoes, high heels, crocs, sliders and boots are not permitted.
- If, for medical reasons, a student cannot wear shoes, this must be agreed with the school first, following agreed medical evidence being seen.
- A hand out of what footwear is and is not acceptable is provided with this letter.

Additional expectations

• <u>Drinks:</u> In September, each student will be provided with a St Regis branded re-usable water bottle. We have a water station available every break and lunchtime, plus three water fountains in the canteen.

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Students will not be allowed out of lessons to collect water, except in a medical emergency, and must re-fill their bottles at break and lunch. Energy drinks and carbonated drinks are strictly prohibited. These will be confiscated and disposed of if seen. Hot drinks should not be carried by pupils around the school at any time.

- Mobile Phones and Headphones: Mobile phones and headphones are not allowed in school. However, we understand that most pupils will want to carry a mobile phone to and from school, particularly if they are travelling via public transport. If this is the case their mobile phone must not be visible at any point in the school day. Any pupil found contravening this rule will have their phone confiscated. A first offence will mean they collect the device at the end of the day. A second offence will require a parent/carer to be contacted in order for the item to be released to the child. A third offence will result in the parent/carer being required to collect the confiscated item from school on behalf of their child. If collection is not possible that day, the article will be held securely in school until a time when it is possible.
- <u>Jewellery and Make-up:</u> Students are permitted 1 x discreet ring and/or 1 x Pair of Single Studs or Sleepers (No larger than 10mm/1cm worn in the ears only). No facial piercings are permitted. 1 x Kara (Sikh Bracelet) is permitted. Excessive make-up and false nails are not permitted. Nails need to be short in length and neutral colours. Any metal hair combs are not permitted.
- Additional belongings: Outdoor coats are not to be worn in any classrooms and students will be encouraged to remove coats in the building. Hats, caps, scarves and gloves are not allowed in the building. Hooded sweatshirts overhead or zipped are not permitted (including in PE). Bandanas or colourful hair accessories are not permitted. Headscarves should be plain black. Every student should have a study bag/rucksack large enough to carry at least an A4 folder, pencil case and school planner.

Uniform Overview

- Grey Blazer with St Regis School logo
- Black Trousers or Skirt (see additional pages for further guidance)
- White Shirt or Blouse (must be able to button up to the collar)
- Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4 specific tie
- Black Socks or Tights (not white or coloured socks)
- Black Shoes

Uniform retailers

Uniform can be purchased from:

- Lads and Lasses: 4 Bilbrook Rd, Codsall, Wolverhampton WV8 1EZ, United Kingdom
- Trutex: Wulfrun Shopping Centre, Clevland Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3HL

Pre-Loved Uniform Store

It is our intention to introduce a pre-owned uniform service at St Regis to help parents and carers with the cost of uniform, whilst at the same time reducing waste.

In order to be able to provide this service, any donations of outgrown uniform items in good condition are very much appreciated. Donations should be laundered and name labels removed please. Donations are now being accepted and can be handed into reception or to your child's form tutor.

Additional support

Where there are difficulties with parents/carers being able to purchase school uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year, who will be able to explore what options are available. If this is not a suitable option, on an individual basis there may be the option for the school to purchase certain uniform items. We want to support every student to follow our uniform expectations.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Parry Principal