

Uniform and Appearance Policy

2025-2026

St Edmund Campion (SEC) school uniform shows that children are part of the SEC community and they wear their uniform with pride. The school has the highest expectations of pupils with regards to school uniform and appearance. High standards promote positive behaviour; support effective teaching and learning; and contribute to the ethos at SEC.

Aims and objectives

The St Edmund Campion Policy aims to:

- Engender a sense of community and belonging to St Edmund Campion
- Instil a sense of pride and loyalty in the school
- Make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- · Be fair and promote equality

Policy Guidelines

All pupils should wear their uniform when attending school, when representing the school or participating in an organised event. This includes when journeying to and from school. Pupils are encouraged to remember that they can be identified as pupils of St Edmund Campion by their uniform, even when not on the school site. They are encouraged to behave in a way that represents St Edmund Campion positively.

All parents should support the School Uniform and Appearance Policy. Parents are expected to send their children to school dressed correctly, ready to learn, ensuring that the uniform is clean and in good repair.

All staff will support the School Uniform and Appearance Policy by promoting and maintaining high expectations with regards to uniform and appearance in school. The Governing Body is responsible for implementing the School Uniform and Appearance Policy and will liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity, and that it meets all regulations relating to equal opportunities.

St Edmund Campion is a fully inclusive school and welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If any parents would like the School to modify the School Uniform and Appearance Policy for their child or if any parents need support in accessing the correct uniform, they should communicate this with their child's class teacher first. This will then be communicated to the headteacher, and if necessary, the Governing Body, who will always consider such requests sympathetically.

Uniform

- White cotton shirt (not a polo shirt)
- Red school tie (these can be purchased from the school office)
- Grey V necked jumper or red cardigan (this can be with/without the school logo)
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt or pinafore
- · Grey/white socks with trousers
- White socks/red tights with skirts/pinafores/dresses
- Red and white checked gingham dresses in the summer months (after Easter October half-term)
- Black leather or leather-look school shoes. No branded/logoed trainers, heeled or open-toe shoes.

PE Kit

- Red or white T Shirt
 - Red or black shorts
- A change of footwear ideally trainers as plimsols are not suitable for outdoors
- Red or grey Jogging bottoms/sweatshirt can be worn in the colder months. No logoed items and no hoodies.
- Hair must be tied back fully
- Watches and earrings removed

School jumpers and T-shirts embroidered with the school emblem are available through S & A Uniforms, West Bridgford Tel 07970 875671 s-a.uniforms@ntlworld.com Alternatively, uniform items can be purchased from major supermarkets/stores.

Appearance

Hair

- Hair that is long enough to obstruct a child's eyes or below the shoulder, should be tied back
- Hair accessories should be small, discrete and in school colours red or black.
- Hair should be cut no shorter than a grade number 2 with no patterns or tram lines
- Hair colour/dye is not permitted in school
- Coloured hair braids are not permitted in school
- Visible hair products used to style hair are not permitted

Make Up

No form of make-up is permitted on pupils in school. This includes nail varnish.

Jewellery

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery on health and safety grounds, except for wrist watches or small silver or gold studded earrings.

If pupils have pierced ears, these must be removed for P.E. and swimming. Staff cannot support with the removal of earrings.

Non-compliance with the School Uniform and Appearance Policy

Pupils whose appearance does not comply with the SEC School Uniform and Appearance Policy will, where age-appropriate, be reminded initially by adults in school. Where uniform continues to breach the policy, class teachers or members of SLT will speak to parents. In some cases, pupils will be requested to go to the School Office who will contact the parents to request that the uniform be brought into school. If this is not possible, pupils may be provided with a spare item of uniform to wear until the end of the school day. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the School Uniform and Appearance Policy will result in appropriate sanctions.

Conclusion

St Edmund Campion is very proud of the high standards we achieve in all areas of school life. Pupils represent not only themselves but also their families, communities and their school. We therefore ask that pupils maintain a high standard of appearance and wear their uniform with pride at all times.