



# St Nicholas Catholic High School

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### **Uniform update November 2015**

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank so many parents and carers for supporting the school by ensuring that their children are safe and look smart this new school year. We did make some changes to the uniform policy which came into effect in September and the vast majority of students are now wearing the correct uniform. I did contact parents/carers in October 2014 outlining changes to school footwear and there has been regular correspondence since, which has included updates regarding boys' trousers, but I did want to write to all parents/carers just to reaffirm the standards that we have set and clarify some issues that have arisen.

### **School shoes**

The school has always stipulated that shoes should be plain and black but recently there has been an increase in new styles of footwear which resemble a trainer and this has created problems. In response to this the school issued further guidance for September 2015.

***Black shoes/ankle boots must be worn which are plain black, leather and sturdy with flat or very low heels. There should be no colour or flashes of colour. Canvas shoes or ballet shoes are not to be worn not least for health and safety reasons. No sports branded footwear such as Converse, Vans, Nike and Puma are allowed. The school has the final decision over the suitability of footwear.***

The new policy has meant that students now look far smarter and issues of health and safety have been addressed, but there is still some designs of footwear that do not meet the standards. Please note that footwear which resembles the examples overleaf are classed by the school as a trainer rather than a shoe and therefore is not permitted within school. We accept that the trainer may be manufactured by Clarks or Next and are sold as a school shoe, but this design was highlighted to parents/carers and students on the website in January 2015 as not being acceptable.

As these styles are not permitted we ask that students change them at the earliest opportunity and this must happen before February half term at the absolute latest.

Please be aware the School will continue to uphold the policy for all other footwear and those students who wear sports branded footwear as stated above, will always be sanctioned immediately until the correct footwear is worn.



## **Boys School Trousers**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 I wrote to inform you that over the past few years some retailers have sold tight fitting trousers and have marketed them as a school trouser. As previously stated these trousers are unacceptable and therefore should not be purchased. As a reminder the school uniform policy states the following:

***Boys' trousers must be standard black school trousers and they must fit above the hips in an appropriate manner, be straight legged and the trouser leg should not taper below the knee. Tight or 'skinny fit' trousers are not acceptable.***

Tight, slim and skinny leg trousers are therefore not acceptable and must be replaced before February half term at the absolute latest. If inappropriate trousers continue to be worn after this date then sanctions will be put in place until the correct trousers are worn.

Thank you for your continuing support in this matter

Yours sincerely

Mr K Smith  
Assistant Headteacher



**Footwear looking similar to the trainers above is not permitted in school.**