

#### What can parents do?

Make yourself aware of the benefits of wearing school uniform and discuss these with your child. Stay committed to it – sometimes it can be difficult, but it is worth showing your commitment.

If you are contacted by the school to inform you that your child has not worn part or any of the school uniform, discuss it with your child, set out and re-visit discussion about the benefits. This leaflet should help you to do that, so keep it to hand.

Praise your child for wearing the school uniform and tell your child how smart he/she looks.

Don't listen to any description of uniform not being worn by others from your child – the vast majority of pupils wear uniform and we will continue to encourage others to do so.

Our PEF team are on hand to assist with the cost of ensuring pupils are "Dressing For Excellence".

Contact Mrs L Mutlow for more details.





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# **Cardinal Newman**

# **High School**

## **Dressing for Excellence**



#### Wearing school uniform;

- Indicates a sense of pride in the school and helps pupils form positive attitudes to the school and their work.
- Protects children from harmful effects of social distinction and competitive dressing
- Promotes the school's identity in the community, with our immediate neighbours, local business and industry
- Assists staff in the task of supervising pupils and keeping unwelcome visitors out of school
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline.
- Promotes a positive and professional work ethic
- Helps young people to see school as a place of learning.
- Nurtures cohesion and promotes good relationships between different groups of pupils
- Fosters a spirit of partnership among pupils and staff, between home and school, and between community and school.





### **Our Standards**

#### **School Uniform: Junior**

- Wear a blazer every day, outdoor jackets can be worn over the blazer and should be removed on entering the building.
- Girls should wear an appropriate length of school skirt – a modest length to the knee or below.
- Skirts should be made from an appropriate material.
- Black dress school trousers can be worn by boys and girls - no denims or fashion trousers.
- School tie (fixed properly at the neck).
- Black v-neck school jumper or cardigan.
- Plain black school shoes.

## Why wearing school uniform is important to me....

"I feel very proud to be at Cardinal Newman and wearing uniform is my way of showing this."



"I don't have to worry what other pupils are wearing – I'm not in competition with others"



"There's no need to buy more trainers if I wear school shoes."

