

1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Upcoming changes to our Uniform Policy and Mobile Phone Policy

I am writing early in the term to inform you of some upcoming changes to our Uniform Policy and Mobile Phone Policy. We hope that providing this information in advance will give you plenty of time to prepare for September.

Uniform Policy

Due to recent legislative changes, we have reviewed our uniform policy to reduce the number of *compulsory* branded items that must be purchased from our supplier, Bubble Gum.

We would also like to reiterate that we will continue to support and offer pre-loved uniform. If you have uniform items at home that can be handed down, we strongly encourage you to do so. We do not want families to discard items unnecessarily, and we appreciate that these changes will be introduced gradually over time.

Compulsory uniform items for KS1 and KS2 are as follows:

1. St Chad's grey logo jumper or cardigan
2. St Chad's black coat
3. St Chad's book bag (to be used from Reception to Year 6)
4. Yellow striped tie (this will replace the team-coloured ties)

Optional (but recommended) items:

- St Chad's logo PE sweatshirt
- Ski hat
- Summer cap
- Grey duffle coat

PE Uniform (KS1 & KS2):

- White polo shirt (can be purchased from any retailer)
- Plain black tracksuit

Compulsory uniform for Nursery and Reception:

- Black St Chad's logo sweatshirt
- Plain black joggers
- White polo shirt

The full uniform policy is available on our website.

Mobile Phone Policy (from September 2026)

From September 2026, our Mobile Phone Policy will be very clear: **smartphones will not be permitted in school.**

Children who travel to and from school unaccompanied may bring a basic mobile phone (often referred to as a "brick phone"). These devices allow children to make and receive calls and send simple text messages only.

This is a change from our previous policy. However, in light of recent research and increased government focus on reducing children's screen time, we believe that creating a non-smartphone environment is a positive and supportive step for our pupils.

Parents who wish to stay in contact with their children before and after school will therefore need to provide a basic phone. These are widely available and relatively inexpensive.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we take this important step to support our children's wellbeing and reduce screen time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Tamsyn Lawlor
Headteacher

