



Saint Norbert's
Catholic Voluntary Academy



Information for Parents:

**Buy less.
Share more.**

Our Uniform Swap Shop



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Dear Families,

Children grow quickly; their uniform often has plenty of wear left when it no longer fits. By passing these clothes on, we can help one another, spend less and make better use of what we already have.

Our hope is for choosing 'pre-loved' uniform to be an ordinary part of life at Saint Norbert's. Whether you need a whole set for a new starter, or simply the next size up, please do look at our Swap Shop before buying new.

The same pride in our uniform

Our simple, smart uniform helps children to feel part of our school family and enables us to focus on learning. A jumper does not have to be new to be worn with pride: good-quality 'pre-loved' items meet the same uniform expectations. People do it with other fashion – why not school uniform?

Small choices, shared benefits

Sharing uniform saves money, keeps useful clothes in use for longer and reduces waste. It is also a practical way to live out our mission: caring for one another and for God's creation.

Every family is welcome to choose pre-loved uniform, whatever your circumstances.

Thank you for helping us to build a culture of generosity, care, sustainability and belonging.

Alex Dawson
Headteacher



How our Swap Shop works

Choose what your child needs

Items are free to parents and carers. You do not need to donate clothes before taking something and there is no expectation that you will make a payment.

When to browse

Swap Shops will take place at our autumn and spring term parents' afternoons / evenings and at our annual summer fayre. If you need something between events, please contact the school office to ask what is available.

Please also view the 'School Uniform' section of our school website for information about making an enquiry at any time. Let us know the items and sizes you need before you consider buying new; availability depends on the donations we receive but we might have just what is required in stock.

Pass on what still has life in it

We welcome any items from our school uniform list that are clean and in good condition. Please wash and check before donating. We cannot accept underwear, socks or tights. Any other serviceable items would be welcome – if you would be happy for your child to wear it, we will be able to stock it.

Please make donations through the school office when you wish / need to. Year 6 families are especially welcome to pass on outgrown uniform on the last day of term, for example.

Items that cannot be reused through our Swap Shop will be passed to Crowle Regen charity shop where suitable for recycling. In this way, our school community will also be supporting a local good cause.

At Swap Shop events, you may choose to make a cash donation to the Friends of St Norbert's. This is entirely optional; the uniform is free either way.



A little planning goes a long way

Before you buy

Check what still fits, ask in school about pre-loved items and only buy what your child needs. Please follow the school's uniform list: this keeps things simple and affordable, avoiding pressure to buy something extra or fashionable alternatives.

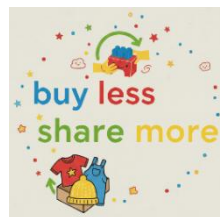
Our Welcome Brochure and the 'School Uniform' section of our website provide full uniform details. New ties and school jumpers/cardigans are still available from Shah's, West Street, Scunthorpe; other new uniform is obviously available from high-street shops.

Help clothes last longer

Follow care labels, mend small tears or loose buttons where you can, and clearly label every item with your child's name. When passing clothes on, please remove or cover previous name labels so the next family can add their own.

Make sharing feel ordinary

Talk positively about clothes being ready for their next owner. A simple 'this has plenty of adventures left in it!' helps children to see that reusing and sharing are something to feel good about.



We are here to help

If getting the right uniform is difficult, please speak to Mr Dawson in total confidence. We will work with you to find a way forward. You can always contact the office to arrange a private conversation.

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St Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy UNIFORM SWAP SHOP Enquiry Form

