

School bags at Notre Dame

1. RATIONALE:

- Bags need to be fit for purpose so that they keep books, equipment and other items (e.g. textbooks, letters, journals) in good condition.** This requires them to be large enough for A4 files and books (used in many departments) and waterproof to avoid contents getting wet. They should also have a 'shape' to them to avoid letters/certificates/books getting creased.
- Bags need to be sensible to avoid the carrying of them to damage backs/shoulders etc.** We are aware that bags can become relatively heavy, so a long strap or a rucksack is needed to spread the weight across the body to avoid damaging backs and shoulders.
- Bags should be appropriate for a place of work.** School, as a place of work, requires uniform that reflects this. This means that bags, such as handbags, are not allowed.

BAGS POLICY:

- preferably a rucksack, which is better for backs
- must be waterproof
- large enough to accommodate A4 files and textbooks
- must be able to fasten closed
- have a strap long enough to be carried on the back or across the body
- **no** fashion handbags (ie. with short handles, buckles or padlocks)
- **no** camouflage or animal print/skin effect bags

BELOW ARE PICTURES OF RECOMMENDED SCHOOL BAG STYLES:



We recommend a rucksack or satchel-type bag, as these fit the policy most closely and are:

- most fit for purpose
- spread the weight across the body or on the shoulders
- appropriate for a place of work

Please note that there are hardship funds available at school to buy bags for students who cannot afford a bag that fits the policy. Please contact school if this is the case.