

## Schoolblazer's Care Guide for Uniform and Sportswear

It is important to follow the care instructions on all products.

### Fabric Conditioner

We advise against the use of fabric conditioner on any of our products. Fabric conditioner is a rinsing agent and once used it damages the yarns within the fabric causing pilling and misshaping. Fabric conditioner also rinses off any protective coatings such as Teflon therefore degrading the fabric further. It also contains a bleaching agent, which initially makes the garment appear brighter, but in fact removes colour over time, causing fading.

### Tumble drying

Tumble drying should also be avoided particularly with knitwear, skirts, pinafores and any sportswear items with a transfer print.

### Knitwear

We recommend that you wash knitwear inside out, avoid using fabric conditioner and do not tumble dry. Please do not iron knitwear as this will make it stretch and go shiny!

### Kilts and Pinafores

These should be hung to dry immediately after washing and should not be tumble dried or ironed. We use a permanent pleating process for all of our pleated skirts and pinafores. This sets the pleats giving the fabric a pleating memory. The use of fabric conditioner causes the pleats to become less crisp and over time with repeated use, the pleat memory will be eliminated. Similarly, heat from tumble drying or ironing will also remove the pleats over time.

### Sportswear

Our Squadkit performance sportswear dries very quickly. Please avoid tumble drying or ironing anything with a transfer as this can cause the print to peel. Games socks should be drip dried rather than tumble dried.

### Book Bags and Games Bags

These should be wiped clean with a damp cloth. Please do not attempt to put them through the washing machine.