

Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their polo-shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

School uniform is a way of showing that the children are 'ready to learn', in line with our whole-school ethos. Some items of uniform can be bought with the Byley Primary School and Nursery logo on. Other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, from local shops including supermarkets. We also have a very good selection of pre-loved uniform at school. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E., is included at the end of this policy.

“We believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables students to identify with their school, gives a sense of belonging, is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents/carers”.

Aims and objectives

The aims of this policy are to:

- ensure clarity of what can be worn or not at school;
- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- prevent pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- ensure pupils' uniforms are practical, smart, affordable and are suitable, with health and safety in mind;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. Children can wear stud earrings. If possible, these should be removed for P.E. lessons and swimming to prevent them from causing injury. PE lesson times for each class should be found on class pages on the website. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either red, white, blue or black. Hair bands should not have objects attached to them such as flowers. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function – such as a school disco.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles, Heelys or high heels. All pupils are required to wear flat, **plain black** shoes/trainers without logos. These should be closed in with no toes visible. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, it is expected that children will wear coats. They can also choose to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. **Please ensure that all items are clearly named.**

On hot days, items such as polo-shirts/short-sleeved shirts, shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible. Parents will be informed of this at an appropriate time – e.g. pick up.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher.

The role of staff

Staff should support the policy by maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing (including on trips). Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Special Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exception from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will have the ultimate decision on granting or refusing this.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken to the school office. Students are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing. Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling items with your child's name.

Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

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The correct school uniform is:

- white or red polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore (or red and white checked summer dress)
- plain grey, black or white socks
- **plain black** shoes or **plain black** trainers
- **red fleece for outdoors only** (with or without school logo)

Children can wear **plain black** trainers with their uniform so that they are able to easily engage in outdoor activities. Children can wear either **black** school shoes or **plain black** trainers on a daily basis. However, these **must be plain black** and **have Velcro fastenings where possible (unless your child is able to tie their own shoe laces)**. **Footwear should be plain, waterproof and practical. No** ankle or knee length boots please.

PE kit:

Children will need to have their PE kit in school. Children should come to school every day in the correct school uniform (as above); they will get changed into their PE kits in school before their PE lesson.

PE uniform:

- white t-shirt (with or without school logo)
- plain black plain shorts/skort, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- plain black trainers (**with Velcro fastening if your child is unable to tie their own laces**)
- red school sweatshirt

Items with the school logo can be purchased from 'Triffic Togs', Wheelock Street, Middlewich.

Non-logo items can be bought from many shops and are just as acceptable.

Pre-loved uniform:

- Friends at Byley (FAB) collect used uniform to be reused and recycled. There are regular opportunities to buy these pre-loved uniform items for a voluntary donation to FAB. You can also ask Miss Whittingham, Mrs Evans or a member of FAB if you require any items at any other time.

Please ensure ALL items of uniform are clearly named – including coats.