

**Uniform Policy**

**Introduction**

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos and setting the tone of a school or academy. It is our policy that all children should wear our academy's uniform when attending school or when participating in an academy-organised event outside normal hours.

A complete list of the items needed for our academy's uniform can be found at the end of this policy in an appendix.

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance, no matter what their financial background\*;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

**Jewellery, Make-up and Hair**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are small ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. However, if children come to school wearing studs or small religious objects, we cannot be responsible for accidents that occur as a result of wearing them.

We ask that children either remove these objects during PE. Covering them with a plaster is not acceptable on Health and Safety grounds.

Watches are permitted but the school cannot take any responsibility for them, and they should be removed for P.E. lessons.

Make-up and temporary Tattoos are not acceptable. Nail varnish should not be worn.

All children, girls and boys, are requested to keep hair tidy; this includes tying it back if it interferes with school work. This is for both for health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school.

Hair must be tied up in PE and in Science and cookery activities.

## **Footwear**

Our academy wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is not suitable for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels for long periods of time therefore these are not part of our uniform.

Children should not wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of our academy's uniform.

In the summer, low sandals that are well supported at the heel may be worn.

Fashion footwear that is not securely fitted around the foot is not permitted for health and safety reasons.

## **The Role of Parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our academy support our uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily learning.

One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair and is clearly named. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy they should make representation in the first instance to the Principal.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Each case will be considered on merit: health and safety will remain an important factor in any decision made.

## **The Role of Governors**

The Local Governing Board supports the Principal in implementing the school uniform policy. It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is safe and practical.

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\* Note – Families eligible for Free School Meals will receive a uniform voucher – please ask at the Office.

## Appendix - School Uniform – Burbage Primary School



- ♣ School navy blue v-neck jumper or cardigan with embroidered school logo
- ♣ White polo shirt (with or without school logo), white shirt or blouse
- ♣ Grey skirt, pinafore trousers or shorts
- ♣ Navy blue and white gingham checked dress in summer (small checks)
- ♣ White socks or grey tights for girls, grey or black socks for boys
- ♣ Black sensible, low-heeled shoes (Black boots may be worn in winter)

School fleeces (outerwear - not to be worn in the classroom) and baseball caps are also available to order.

A School Book Bag with logo – for Reception which may be used throughout KSI. Bags for belongings need to be manageable by the children and to fit on cloakroom pegs.

### **P.E. Kit**

It is essential for safety reasons that children are properly equipped for P.E. Please make sure that your child's kit is in school from Monday to Friday and is kept in a named bag.

- ♣ White T-Shirt with school logo
- ♣ Navy shorts
- ♣ A navy tracksuit may be worn for outdoor games in cold weather
- ♣ Plimsolls for KSI children
- ♣ Trainers for KS2 children

No big T-shirts please or very long shorts; these are not safe on certain apparatus.

### **Swimming Kit**

When swimming within school time we feel that similar standards of dress are applicable and that they set the correct atmosphere for learning.

- ♣ Swimming costume, not a bikini
- ♣ Swimming trunks, not long baggy Bermuda style shorts
- ♣ Towel
- ♣ Goggles if required

All uniform should be clearly named as it makes it possible for us to return it to your child when it is misplaced.

Lost, unnamed uniform will be kept in a box in the Senior Girls' Toilet (opposite Kite Cloakroom) for a term. After this time it will be recycled, or put into our second hand clothing sales to raise funds for PTA.