



Bayards Hill Primary School

Uniform Policy

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1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children take a pride in their personal appearance and wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is included in this policy.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

3 Make-up, Nail Varnish and Jewellery

Children should not wear make-up, false nails or nail varnish. If children arrive at school wearing make-up or varnish they will be asked to remove it. For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance or watches. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Watches

Children are allowed to wear watches in school. However some 'smart' watches which can send or receive messages or take pictures are a risk to safeguarding in school so should not be worn. If a child comes to school wearing a 'smart' watch it will be dealt with under our mobile phone policy which is to remove it from the child and lock it away. The child can then collect it from the school office at the end of the day.

4. Hair

Children with long hair must have it tied back, out of their face so they can see during lessons and also to help prevent the spread of head lice. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and should not have large items such as flowers attached. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair. Hair should not be coloured or dyed except for special events e.g Red Nose Day.

5. Footwear

Indoor shoes

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or open toes. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may need a change of shoe whilst inside the school building. Indoor shoes must be suitable, safe and clean; please note slippers are not safe for wearing in school.

Outdoor shoes

In order to preserve the carpets pupils should bring a change of shoe to be worn outside. These can be football boots, old trainers or old shoes. Please note that if pupils have no replacement footwear they may be asked to clean any mud from their shoes before wearing them inside.

6. 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, and 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 senior member of staff or a learning mentor 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 clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our nearly new stock to wear for that day. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the 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.

7. The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school 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.

8. Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work 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;

9. School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of navy and grey/black. Most items can be bought from high street shops and supermarkets. Items marked with a * below, some of which have the school logo on, are sold in school. Please speak to our office staff for details of prices.

For girls:

- Grey/ Black skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers
- Blue and white checked or striped dresses for summer months
- White blouse or white/ blue polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan, without a hood, either plain or with the Bayards Hill logo*
- Black, navy or grey tights

Please note skirts and shorts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. Leggings may be worn under skirts but not as a replacement for trousers.

For boys:

- Grey/ Black shorts or trousers not jogging bottoms
- White shirt or white/ blue polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt, without a hood, either plain or with the Bayards Hill logo*

Shoes:

- Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school.
- If trainers are worn these should be plain without logos.
- Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently
- Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.
- If boots are worn these also should be plain black.

Y6 Leaver's Hoodies

In the summer term – usually after SATs, Y6 pupils may purchase a leavers hoodies that they can wear instead of the school sweater. Leaver's hoodies are the responsibility of Y6 pupils and will not be replaced by school if they are lost or damaged. Y6 pupils may only wear leaver's hoodies or a school sweater – other alternatives to uniform are not acceptable.

P.E. Kit

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a bag in which to keep the kit at school. All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named as children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything! School will try to provide replacement kit for children who do not have PE kit. However if this is not possible those without kit will be sent to work in another class.

Girls and boys wear:

- Plain shorts / jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather
- Plain white T-shirt or polo shirt
- A pair of plimsolls – velcro fastenings are essential for younger children and for indoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.