

Brimscombe C of E Primary School

School Uniform Policy



School Vision:

We work together to create a safe, welcoming and happy environment rooted in Christian values. We provide rich opportunities and challenges for our pupils to learn. Kindness, respect, courage, friendship and responsibility are at the heart of what we do. We support all our children in becoming confident, skilled and optimistic young people.

Approved by: EE&S

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by: February 2024**

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 shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. The school PTA also hold regular second --hand uniform sales. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is printed overleaf.

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;

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

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, and small objects of religious significance.

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. If the earrings cannot be removed they will be taped over for the PE session. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either blue or black. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and the school would prefer that children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. We expect hair longer than shoulder length to be tied back.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers as stated in the uniform list. Shoes should be flat, black, robust and appropriate for school. 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 for example open toe sandals, slip on shoes and croc style shoes.

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 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 to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit.

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.

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.

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; and considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

School Uniform List

Our school uniform colour is a combination of royal blue and grey/black. Most items can be bought from High Street shops. We expect the sweatshirt and polo shirt to have the Brimscombe logo. These are sold in Bateman's Sports in Stroud.

Approved school uniform:

Grey skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or blue and white checked or striped dresses. Royal blue logoed polo shirt, Brimscombe royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan.

Plain white or grey, short or knee length socks or black, navy or grey tights. Please note, school shorts should be of an appropriate length which allows children to sit comfortably, even when worn over tights.

Grey/ black tailored shorts or trousers not jogging bottoms, Brimscombe Polo shirt, Brimscombe sweatshirt. Please note that children should not wear scarves inside the school building.

Shoes should be flat, black, robust and appropriate for school. 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 for example open toe sandals and crocs.

P.E. Kit Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw-string bag in which to keep the kit at school. PE kit

and PE bags may be bought from the school office. All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything. PE kit is navy blue/black shorts, plain Brimscombe round neck T-shirt, a pair of suitable trainers, navy or black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather.

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.