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BLANDFORD ST MARY UNIFORM POLICY



Blandford St. Mary
CE Primary School

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Our school, like the vast majority of schools, has a strict uniform policy where children are encouraged to take pride in their appearance and of the school. We are proud of the appearance of the children and feel that it is an important factor in school discipline and standards and helps support a sense of belonging. This also reduces tension between children, as they do not have to compete with their peers for the latest fashions, reducing peer pressure.

The well-being of our children is of utmost importance to us and the safety of the children is paramount, and through wearing the correct uniform, it makes it easier to identify our children, especially outside of the school premises.

We are very aware that parents/carers may not be in a financial position to spend a great deal of money on school uniform, and this is why we have tried to ensure that the requirements of most of our school uniform allows parents to buy 'general' uniform, like trousers, dresses and skirts, from good value shops, or supermarkets, for approximately £3 per item.

The requirements of our school uniform are detailed below:

General Uniform

	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Trousers	Grey or charcoal tailored school trousers – full length School conventional material	No jeans, corduroy, leggings, tight fitting Lycra or skinny fashion trousers (Please note: some shops do sell 'skinny' trousers for girls as part of their school uniform range, but they are <u>not acceptable</u> for school).
Shorts	Grey or charcoal <u>tailored</u> shorts or culottes	Fashion shorts / Lycra Football shorts
Jumper or school cardigan	Teal Green with school logo	Other sweatshirts Hooded top Fleece Non regulation jumper/cardigan
Polo shirt	Navy polo shirt with/without logo.	Polo shirt that is not navy
Skirts	Grey or charcoal knee length skirts	Fashion skirts, i.e. pencil or mini skirts Stretchy or mini-skirts Skirts shorter than the knee
Pinafore	Grey or charcoal knee length dress	Dress shorter than the knee
Socks and tights	Plain grey or white (girls) Plain grey or black (boys) Plain grey knitted tights	Fashion tights Coloured or patterned socks or tights Bare feet Tights of less than 50 denier
Shoes	Traditional black, low heeled <u>school</u> shoes Velcro, laces, buckle or slip on only	Trainers (even if black) Hi tops High heels, sling backs or open toed sandals Wedges Boots Logos

Summer Term Uniform - (following Easter holidays ONLY).

Children are able to wear their winter (General uniform) through the summer term.

	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Summer dress	Green and white striped or checked dress – knee length	
Jumper or school sweatshirt or school cardigan	Teal Green with logo	Other sweatshirts Hooded top Fleece Non regulation jumper/cardigan
Polo shirt	Navy school polo shirt with / without logo.	Polo shirt that is not navy
Shorts	Grey or charcoal <u>tailored</u> shorts or culottes	Fashion shorts / lycra Football shorts
Shoes	Traditional black or low heeled <u>school</u> shoes Velcro, laces, buckle or slip on only	Trainers (even if black) Hi tops High heels, sling backs or open toed sandals Wedges Boots Logos

PE Kit - Boys and Girls

	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Shorts	Black or navy	
T-shirt*	Navy school T-shirt with/without logo	T-shirt that is not navy
Trainers	Non-marking Supportive footwear Lace or Velcro fastening	Plimsolls as these do not provide the appropriate support for young, developing feet.
Tracksuit trousers / bottoms/leggings	Navy, grey or black – for use in cold weather Navy running tights	Brand names that dominate the garment
Socks	White or grey	

*When it is cold, children may wear skins under their PE garments.

	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Jewellery	Maximum of two small plain gold or silver stud-like ear-rings (one in each ear) Watches – digital or analogue	Not coloured or patterned earrings / hoops etc Not permitted on a P.E. or swimming day Covering piercings with plasters No other accessories to be worn SMART watches
Hair	Conventional style and natural colour Shoulder-length hair or longer to be tied up Hairbands in school colours or muted colours	Inappropriate hairstyles i.e. brightly coloured, shaven and/or patterned styles Inappropriate hairbands i.e. brightly coloured, big bows Make-up, nail varnish, tattoo transfers.

Please note: Whilst we understand that, as the school academic year comes to an end, your child may grow out of their school uniform, we still wish to maintain standards and the school uniform rules still applies. Please contact Mrs Beaver to discuss, if you have any queries.

Obviously, the very large majority of children and parents adhere to these high standards and support the schools in upholding them, for the good of their children and the positive reputation of our school. We are very grateful for this support and thank you for taking pride in your child's appearance and our school.

Adhering to the Blandford St Mary CE Primary School Uniform Policy

All children are expected to wear the appropriate uniform from home to school and home again, except when permission has been given because of school educational visits, or pre-arranged activity days, such as Comic Relief or Non-Uniform Days. All children are representing the school at all times and should take pride in being part of their school community.

If your child does attend school in clothing / footwear / accessories which do not conform to the agreed school policy, please note the following procedures will be followed:

1. Class teacher will make you aware there is an issue with non-compliance of uniform policy.
2. If issue is not resolved, the Deputy Head Teacher will make a phone call to discuss the non-compliance of uniform policy.
3. A letter from the Headteacher will be sent.
4. Headteacher will telephone and arrange a meeting with a parent or carer to discuss continued non-compliance.
5. If, having met with the Head Teacher, there is still no improvement, the Head Teacher does have the legal right to send the child home until the correct uniform is worn. ** Any extended absences due to this will be recorded as unauthorised absence which could result in a fine.

** Obviously, as a 'primary school' we do not wish to exercise this right, and feel that the steps shown above give parents / carers ample opportunity to rectify any breaches of school uniform. However, it is essential that ALL parents / carers and children take a shared responsibility for the reputation and appearance of the school.

The Department for Education Guidance on School Uniform updated 2021 states that 'Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.'

Support for Families

In agreeing our school uniform, governors have been careful to minimise the amount of uniform which must be purchased from specialist suppliers, in order to keep costs down.

All uniform items, apart from the school jumper and cardigan are generic and can be purchased from cheaper suppliers, such as supermarkets and value clothing stores. Having researched these items, we are aware that skirts and trousers, for example, can be bought for as little as £3 per pair. (We do ask that you take care NOT to buy clingy or tighter school trousers for girls from these uniform ranges, however, as they are most unflattering and entirely inappropriate for primary school aged children.)

The choice of school shoes has also been left intentionally broad, so that they may be purchased from a variety of outlets – however, the stipulation of NO TRAINERS is non-negotiable. (Black smart school shoes can be bought, for example, for as little as £8 and upwards from ShoeZone.)

We do appreciate that some families may struggle with replacing uniform as it is outgrown, so please do talk to us if you have concerns. We may be able to help by, for example:

- Looking through the second-hand uniform items sold by Friends of School for a small donation
- Finding suitable unclaimed, good condition items from school lost property

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, then please do come and talk to Mrs Beaver as we may be able to offer you support.