



BRONINGTON VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Uniform Policy 2023

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Equality Act Impact Assessment	Yes No Date
Signed (Chair of Governors)	
Signed (Headteacher)	Emma Jones

Mission Statement

To love and care for each member of our school family; aspire to the highest standards and become all that God wants us to be.

Core Values

respect humility faith friendship compassion thankfulness trust

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. Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A 'nearly new' box is also available in school. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education (P.E.) can be found below.

Parents' are defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996 as:

- All natural parents whether married or not.
- Any person who although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person, and any person, who although not a natural parent has care of a child or young person.

Aims and objectives

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

- provide a sense of pride, identity, community and cohesion within the school
- support positive behaviour and school discipline
- ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activity
- remove peer pressure to dress in particular fashions
- enable pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements
- help reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying
- benefit safeguarding and attendance policies through helping to identify truants
- assist identification of strangers on school premises
- support and promote the ethos of the school

Bronington School recognises that school uniform and other items that are required to be purchased in accordance with the school uniform policy can be a financial burden, particularly to low income and large families. Whilst we would prefer our pupils to wear items with the school logo*, we recognise that this may increase the overall costs of the uniform. To lessen the impact of the costs to families:

- Our school uniform has been kept consistent over many years, avoiding unnecessary costs, and increasing the opportunity for second-hand uniform to be available, or to hand on to siblings.
- Second-hand uniform, including items with the school logo*, is available from school and during regular second-hand uniform swap shops.
- The number of items that can bear a school logo* have been minimised, and other items are basic.
- Basic items are widely available from a range of retailers.
- The option of plain items without the school logo* is offered.
- Whilst we only have one provider of items with the school logo*, we look to obtain the best value for money for parents and will tender supplier contracts every five years.

- We will consult with parents, school councils and pupils when changes to the uniform become necessary.

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 from our 'nearly new' box to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. 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. There are a number of assistance programmes available to help with the cost of school uniform for eligible parents. Please contact the school or the Local Authority for the most up to date information.

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. The Governing Body will ensure that the school uniform and appearance policies do not discriminate unlawfully on the grounds of sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and disability. (Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010).

The uniform is as follows

Standard uniform	Alternative uniform for warmer weather
Grey trousers/skirt	Grey shorts or Blue and white checked dress (gingham)
White shirt and School tie (Year 3-6) Pale blue polo-shirt with/without school logo (Nursery to year 2)	Pale blue polo-shirt with/without/ school logo (no tie)
Royal-blue v-neck jumper or cardigan with/without school logo	
Plain black, navy or grey or white socks (or tights if these can be managed independently)	
Black shoes (no trainers)	Closed toe sandals – black if possible
Trainers, open-toed sandals or backless/slip on shoes are not suitable	

INDOOR P.E. KIT

Royal blue round neck T-shirt, plain black shorts, pumps or trainers. These should be in school each week day and taken home at weekends for laundry purposes.

OUTDOOR GAMES KIT

Suitable appropriate warm clothing and footwear.

Preferably plain blue/black tracksuit and change of shorts, socks and shirt, strong shoes/trainers (football boots-optional).

Jewellery

We would prefer that earrings are not worn in school as they can be a source of injury during playtimes and physical activities. If they are worn, they should be small studs; for swimming lessons and games these need to be removed independently by the child. The wearing of other kinds of jewellery, eg necklaces or rings, is discouraged. Other valuables should not be brought to school and we ask for parents' co-operation on this matter.

Should parents wish to buy items of uniform with the school log then V-neck jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts bearing the school logo are available for purchase through

Whitchurch Sports: 11A Watergate Street, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1DP

Tel: 01948 665733 Email: enquiries@whitchurch-sports.co.uk

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. 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 be asked to change into their P.E. shoes whilst inside the school building.

Extreme Weather Conditions.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, for example extreme heat or during very cold weather, the Governing Body may advise a temporary, flexible approach to the basic uniform requirements. An example might be the wearing of P.E. uniform during very hot weather. Should this be necessary, the headteacher will inform parents and children through the usual communication channels.

Evaluation & Review

This policy will be reviewed by the staff and Governing Body and adopted by the Governing Body as per the schedule on the front page.

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its 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. Reasonable adjustments may be made to accommodate specific requirements to avoid discrimination.

This policy will be made available on the school website and on request from the school. Complaints or concerns about the school uniform policy should be raised with the Governing Body, where they will be dealt with in accordance with the Complaints Policy.

Monitoring and Review

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