



UNIFORM POLICY



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PURPOSE

At Brackenfield, we pride ourselves on being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all students wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events such as educational visits or sporting competitions unless parents are informed otherwise.

Our uniform standards are high, and our uniform is inclusive and smart. We expect parents to ensure students arrive at school in correct uniform. We uphold strict standards to ensure every student attends an equal and fair school environment, this supports us to ensure that appearance does not advantage or disadvantage any child based on fashion choices, socio-economic status or body shape/size. The school will consider reasonable requests to alter the school uniform, for example; for genuine religious requirements, gender identity, and reasonable adjustments for disabled children.

Some items of uniform can be bought from our uniform supplier, whilst others are available at local retailers. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for PE/Games is contained within this policy.

AIMS

Our uniform identifies us as a community and reinforces our culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils are expected to dress in full school uniform as this is a very important part of our ethos and culture. Our uniform is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind

This policy aims to:

- promote a sense of pride in our school;
- help to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- ensure that our pupils can be clearly identified with our school;
- support our commitment to inclusion;
- ensure that pupils are dressed smartly.
- clarify our expectations for school uniform

JEWELLERY, HAIR ACCESSORIES, MAKE UP AND NAIL VARNISH

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove or tape earrings during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either dark green, red, brown or black to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached.

Hair that is longer than shoulder-length should be tied away from the face.

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

FOOTWEAR

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with high heels. All children are required to wear plain black school shoes (no boots or trainers).

SPARE CLOTHES

It is recommended that all children in Wrens, Robins and Reception have a spare full set of clothes in school in case of accidents. This eliminates parents having to drop fresh clothes at school in the event of a toileting accident or water play.

THE ROLE OF THE CHILDREN

The children are expected to wear their uniform with pride, both in school and out of school. They should behave according to the school rules when they are in uniform outside school whether this is travelling to and from school or on school trips and fixtures. The children should endeavour to keep their uniform neat and tidy and be responsible for keeping uniform items safe at school.

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 visibly labelled 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.

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 Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher.

THE ROLE OF THE HEADMASTER AND SCHOOL STAFF

The headteacher will ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. They will ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal Monitoring and Review opportunities.

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

We as a school community are committed to promoting equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

MONITORING & REVIEW

The SLT monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- liaising with the school uniform supplier to ensure the quality is high and cost is reasonable

SUPPLIERS

Our school suppliers are Perrys Uniform

Our Second hand uniform shop is called BrackenLoved and there is also an active Facebook site where good quality second hand uniform can be sold and purchased.

BRACKENFIELD SCHOOL UNIFORM LISTS

Reception to end of Year 2

Boys' Uniform	Girls' Uniform
Blazer Green waterproof fleece coat School V neck sweatshirt White crested polo shirt Grey shorts (summer) and grey trousers (winter) Grey knee length socks Black school shoes White sun hat Green school book bag Green school fleece hat (optional) Green school scarf (optional) Green fleece gloves (optional)	Blazer Green waterproof fleece coat School cardigan White crested polo shirt (winter) School winter tunic (winter) Green knee length socks or tights (winter) School summer dress (summer) White knee length socks (summer) Black school shoes White sun hat Green school book bag Green school fleece hat (optional) Green school scarf (optional) Green fleece gloves (optional) Green felt hat (winter) Straw boater had (summer)

Boys' Games Kit	Girls' Games Kit
White crested polo shirt Black shorts School rugby top (Years 1&2 only- Autumn & Spring Terms) School tracksuit Long black sports socks Trainers School games kit bag Black swimming trunks (Years 1&2 only) School swimming hat (Years 1&2 only)	White crested polo shirt School skort School rugby top (Years 1&2 only- Autumn & Spring Terms) School tracksuit Long black sports socks Trainers School games kit bag Black swimming costume (Years 1&2 only) School swimming hat (Years 1&2 only)

Additional Items
Named water bottle

Summer Uniform to be worn during Summer term and 1st half of Autumn term.

Winter Uniform to be worn during 2nd half of Autumn term and Spring term.

Year 3 to end of Year 6

Boys' Uniform	Girls' Uniform
Blazer	Blazer
Green waterproof fleece coat	Green waterproof fleece coat
School 'V' neck sweatshirt	School cardigan
White long sleeved shirt (winter)	White revere shirt (winter)
Grey trousers (winter)	School winter tunic (winter)
White short sleeved shirt (summer)	Green knee length socks or tights (winter)
Grey shorts (summer)	School summer dress (summer)
Black school shoes	White knee length socks (summer)
White sun hat	Black school shoes
Green school fleece hat (optional)	White sun hat
Green school scarf (optional)	Green school fleece hat (optional)
Green fleece gloves (optional)	Green school scarf (optional)
Green cap (optional year 6)	Green fleece gloves (optional)
	Green felt hat (winter) (optional year 6)
	Straw boater had (summer)

Boys' Games Kit	Girls' Games Kit
White crested polo shirt	White crested polo shirt
Black shorts	School skort
School rugby top (Autumn & Spring Terms)	School rugby top (Autumn & Spring Terms)
School tracksuit	School tracksuit
Long black socks	Long black socks
Trainers	Trainers
School games kit bag	School games kit bag
Black swimming trunks	Black swimming costume
School swimming hat	School swimming hat
Shin pads, gum shield and football boots (Autumn & Spring terms)	Shin pads, gum shield and football boots (Autumn & Spring terms)
Black skins (optional)	Black skins (optional)

Additional Items
Named water bottle
Rucksack for school books (pupil's own choice)
Pencil case (optional)

Summer Uniform to be worn during Summer term and 1st half of Autumn term.

Winter Uniform to be worn during 2nd half of Autumn term and Spring term.

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