

Bubwith Community Primary School



Uniform Policy 2023

Introduction

At Bubwith we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform (or school PE kit on PE days) when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their uniform smartly and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought from schoolshop - our school uniform suppliers but do not have to be purchased from this provider. As we are happy for pupils to wear non-school ligo branded items matching the descriptions below which we know 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 below.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- ☐ Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- ☐ Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- ☐ Identifies pupils with the school
- ☐ Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- ☐ Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- ☐ Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- ☐ Is considered to be good value for money

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, ideally, 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 member of teaching 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 may be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. 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 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 and then the Governors.

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

Jewellery and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons the wearing of jewellery will be restricted to one pair of **plain**, stud earrings and a wristwatch. Pupils will need to remove these items for all PE lessons. Members of staff are not allowed to remove or insert earrings in the interests of health and safety.

We ask that if ears are to be pierced, they should be done at the beginning of the summer holidays to avoid missing PE lessons. PE is a National Curriculum subject and legally cannot be missed.

The wearing of nail varnish is not in keeping with school policy and children should not wear it to school.

School Uniform

Our required school uniform consists of:

Grey or black trousers/shorts/skirts or pinafore dresses

Green sweatshirt or green cardigans

White blouse or shirt

White or green polo shirts

Green checked dresses for summer

Sensible dark footwear (full shoe)

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 (or dark) shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list.

All pupils are strongly encouraged to wear school uniform, as we feel it is important that pupils adhere to certain standards and it also provides a sense of unity and identity for the pupils. Items of clothing with the School Logo can be ordered through the uniform shop - schoolshop - to which there is a quick access button on the school website Home Page.

Sports Wear

Pupils should wear suitable clothing for Physical Education lessons. Clothing will vary according to whether pupils are working indoors or outdoors.

Indoor - A plain white T-shirt style top with round or V-neck, no buttons, logo* optional with plain black PE shorts/Cycle shorts.

Outdoor - As above with a zipped-up sweatshirt/tracksuit top in plain black/dark colours with joggers/tracksuit bottoms, trainers or pumps (not the same footwear as worn with regular uniform). We ask parents where possible to ensure their child can tie their own laces, otherwise choose slip-on or Velcro as the best option.

White or black socks look smarter when pupils compete for the school.

Jewellery must be removed for PE lessons as watches and earrings are a potential danger both to the wearer and to other pupils. Long hair, which may obstruct the pupil's vision or may get caught in apparatus, must be tied back.