

Brunshaw Primary School



‘Inspiring children to be resilient and aspirational learners, within a positive and considerate community.’

School Uniform Policy

May 2025

Agreed by Governors: 10/07/2025

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

Our School Uniform:

All items of clothing should be identifiable by a name tag.

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (optional)
- White polo shirt (with or without school logo -required)
- Grey skirt or pinafore or grey trousers (not black- required)
- Blue/white gingham dress – (Summer term only- optional)
- Grey socks (below the knee if worn with a skirt) or grey tights (required)
- Plain black school shoes (No trainers or logos– no laces in EYFS- required)

If girls are required to cover their heads for religious reasons, the scarves should be black or royal blue, and comfortably secured in a safe manner, allowing freedom of movement. They should be able to be easily removed in an emergency. They should also not impair or obscure vision or hearing or catch on anything that may put the wearer at risk.

PE Uniform

INDOOR KIT:

All items of clothing should be identifiable by a name tag.

- White T-shirt (required)
- Black shorts (required)
- Black pumps (trainers may be worn for outdoor PE only- required)

OUTDOOR KIT:

All items of clothing should be identifiable by a name tag.

- Black Tracksuit bottoms (optional)
- Black Tracksuit top or school hoodie (this can be purchased from Moonline Uniforms- optional)
- Trainers (required)
- White T-Shirt (required)

Some families require that girls cover their arms and legs at all times. The school will respect this.

SWIMMING KIT:

All items of clothing should be identifiable by a name tag.

- One-piece swimming costume/Swimming trunks (Not shorts below the knee-required)
- Swimming cap –for hair below the shoulder (required)
- Googles may be worn if there is a medical reason
- Towel (required)
- Hairbrush (optional)

In swimming lessons, unacceptable exposure of the body will be managed through adjustments in swimming attire to accommodate religious and cultural sensitivities while not compromising the safety of the children concerned.

All PE clothing must be named and kept in a named PE bag on coat pegs. We do not encourage the wearing of jewellery whilst doing PE or sports lessons because it could be dangerous.

Jewellery & Nails

On health and safety grounds we do not encourage children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are medical jewellery, small stud earrings and watches. Children are allowed to keep their earrings in for PE but must have them taped up at home before coming to school on PE days. No staff are able to apply/remove/reapply plasters. If the plaster comes off before a PE lesson and the child is unable to reapply, parents must be contacted to come to school to reapply the plaster. Children with earrings exposed/long hair **MUST NOT** access the equipment, such as climbing frames etc., for health and safety reasons. Children will still be given the opportunity to access P.E so the teacher will provide another activity as part of the session, i.e. underarm throwing activities instead of an over arm activity. **It is at the class teacher's discretion whether the activity is deemed dangerous. As a school we strongly advise parents to remove earrings on the days they have PE sessions or make sure the children can remove their own earrings.**

Artificial nail extensions are also not permitted due to health and safety. Nail varnish is also not to be worn, as it is not in keeping with our smart school uniform.

Extreme Haircuts and Styles

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes very closely shaved parts of the head including 'tramlines', hair dye and/or hair extensions.

Long hair should be tied back, and large hair accessories should not be worn.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. All shoes including sandals should have a heel strap for safety. We do not allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy for a special need/requirement, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Preloved School Uniform can also be located at Downtown, Charter Walk Shopping Centre (above New Look) which is open Mon-Fri, 9:00am to 4:00pm. This is good condition clothing, often at a lower cost and is sometimes free.

The Role of Governors

The governing board supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that it is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing board will:

- seek views of parents, ensuring they agree with the policy, and support it
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations

This policy will be reviewed by the governing board every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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