

## **Britannia Community Primary School Policy on School Uniform**

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 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. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform as an appendix to this document and on the website. Further copies are available from school if required.

### **2 Aims and objectives**

- 2.1 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 and carers;
  - has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### **3 Jewellery**

- 3.1 On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are **earring studs** in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster if ears have recently been pierced.
- 3.2 As the children become older and can tell the time, they may want to wear a watch. This is acceptable provided it is an appropriate size and does not interfere with the normal school routine. A small wrist watch is acceptable. Smart watches must not be worn to school.
- 3.3 Belly button piercings should not be worn to school.

### **4 Extreme haircuts**

- 4.1 The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. The Headteacher will speak with the parents of any child with an inappropriate haircut and request the haircut is changed immediately to a more suitable style. This includes shaved lines, zigzags and coloured hair for children.

### **5 Hair accessories**

- 5.1 As with other parts of the school uniform, the issue of practicality is most important here as opposed to fashion. Hair accessories should be plain, practical and either dark colours or in the school colours (green or black). Plain clips, bobbles and hair bands are allowed. Children will be asked to remove fashion accessories.
- 5.2 Long hair should be tied up for health and safety reasons.

### **6 Make up, Nail Varnish, Fake Nails and Fake Tan**

- 6.1 Make up, nail varnish, fake tan and fake nails are not permitted and children will be asked to remove these if they attend school wearing these items.

## **7 Footwear**

- 7.1 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. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school on **non PE days**; 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. Fashion boots (i.e knee boots and ugs) should not be worn.

## **8 The role of parents and carers**

- 8.1 We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- 8.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, 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, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers 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, then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

## **9 The role of governors**

- 9.1 The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **10 Monitoring and review**

- 10.1 When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:
- seek the views of parents and carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
  - consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
  - require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.
- 10.2 This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

**Signed: N.Longstaff**

**Date: 1/9/25**

### Uniform List

**Children must wear the correct PE kits on PE days which you will be notified of at the start of each term and the correct uniform on other days.**

### School Uniform

- Trousers – black or grey. Shorts are allowed in warm weather periods but should be **black or grey**. Jeans and leggings are not permitted.
- Skirts – black or grey and of a suitable length.
- Dresses – pinafore dresses are allowed (black or grey); green gingham dresses/ culottes in the summer are also permitted.
- Shirts – white school shirts or white polo shirts (with or without the school logo).
- Blouses – white.
- Jumpers/ cardigans – green (with or without school logo). Black cardigans/black jumpers - Year 6
- Sweatshirts – from Reception to Y5, school sweatshirts are green (with or without logo). In Y6, they are black, with/ without the school logo.
- Fleeces – green (with or without school logo).
- Tights- should be black, grey or green and socks should be white or grey.
- Shoes – should be black and suitable for school wear. This does not include trainers or fashion boots.

### School Bags

- Rucksacks are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons. Children should have a small book bag.

### PE Kit

- Plain dark jogging bottoms (no stripes/logos or colour flashing)
- Plain black leggings (no stripes/logos or colour flashing)
- Plain black shorts or school green shorts (no stripes/logos or colour flashing)
- Plain black knee length cycle shorts (no stripes/logos or colour flashing)
- PE T-shirt with logo
- Sports trainers (not fashion)
- White socks

- Green/black school jumpers- no alternative hoodies are permitted

**Swimming kit (Years 3,4 and 5)**

- Girl's costumes should be one piece costumes (no bikinis).
- Boys should wear trunks, not long shorts.
- If your child has long hair, they will have to wear a hat – these are available from the Pool or from School.

Our main uniform supplier is Ann's Childrenswear.

5a Union Street, Bacup, OL13 0AA.

All of our school uniform with logos is available from Ann's of Bacup. Other uniform can be purchased from the supermarkets and the Family Centre in Bacup hold a stock of second hand uniform.

**Our final request is that all school clothing is labelled – this makes life easier for the child, the teacher and for the parent!**