

School Uniform Policy

(Non-Statutory Policy)

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1 AIMS.

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. OUR SCHOOL'S LEGAL DUTIES UNDER THE EQUALITY ACT 2010.

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs

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- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with the Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. LIMITING THE COST OF SCHOOL UNIFORM.

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, by only asking that the jumper, worn over the polo, features the school logo
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

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4. EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM.

4.1 Our school's uniform

Burghfield St. Mary's has a policy that all children should wear the school uniform; this helps to create a sense of community and identifies everyone as belonging to Burghfield St. Mary's Primary School.

Royal blue jumper/cardigan with embroidered school logo or plain royal blue jumper/cardigan
White/Royal blue polo with embroidered school logo or plain white/blue polo
White blouse/shirt
Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore with plain black/grey/white socks (no logos) or grey tights
Blue and white checked summer dresses with plain knee or ankle socks
Sun hat/cap
Year R/1/2: School book bag and drawstring P.E. bag (no rucksacks or other bags) Year 3/4/5/6: School book bag or reasonably-sized rucksack
Waterproof coat
Black low heeled school shoes – different pair to P.E. trainers (no trainers, boots, sandals or football boots)
Sensible watch (no smart watches) and a pair of small plain stud earrings
Plain hair bands/scrunchies/hair ties

Physical Education Kit

Indoor (Gymnastics and Dance)	Outdoor (Games)
Royal blue embroidered school logo t-shirt or plain royal blue t-shirt	Royal blue embroidered school logo t-shirt or plain royal blue t-shirt
Navy blue shorts with no logo	Navy blue shorts with no logo
Navy blue skorts with no logo	Navy blue skorts with no logo
Royal blue jumper or cardigan with or without embroidered school logo	Navy blue jogging bottoms with no logo
<i>Children will be in bare feet for gymnastics and dance lessons</i>	Navy blue leggings with no logo (no tights)
	Royal blue jumper or cardigan with or without embroidered school logo
	Trainers – different pair to school shoes

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See Physical Education Kit Policy for further information.

The academic year 2024/25 will be a transition year for the Physical Education Kit. We ask that from September 2024, any future purchases of Physical Education Kit are in-line with our Physical Education Kit Policy. This will give parents time to purchase correct and appropriate clothing.

4.2 Where to purchase it

Our embroidered school logo uniform can be purchased from Oliver Embroidery. All other items of uniform can be bought from most supermarkets, high-street or online retailers. We also have a small stock of pre-loved uniform items and hold regular pre-loved uniform sales within the school.

Oliver Embroidery

The Hatch Service Station, Reading Road, Reading, RG30 3TH

www.oliverembroidery.co.uk/products/school-shops/burghfield-st-marys/burghfield-st-marys

PTA

A voluntary contribution can be made to the school PTA, through the school office, for pre-loved uniform.

5. EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

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- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner to the Headteacher.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the Headteacher.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually and approved by the Governing Board.