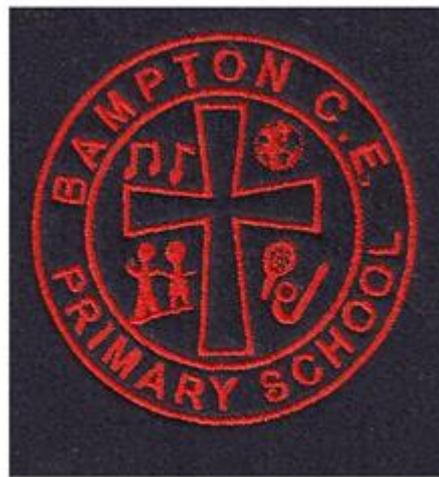




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Bampton CE Primary School and Nursery

Learning together with Respect, Friendship and Perseverance



School Vision Statement

We endeavour to enable individuals in our school community to learn together, grow in respect, tolerance and understanding of the world in which we live, embrace Christian values and reach our full potential.

Title of Policy	School Uniform Policy
Date Adopted by the Governing Body	May 2016
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Signed by the Chair of Governors	



Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform:

- When attending school
- When participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours
- When representing the school at community organised events outside of school hours
- When representing the school in PE festivals and tournaments
- We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and objectives

We promote and maintain high expectations for our school uniform because it:

- 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.

Uniform details

Black skirt/trousers/pinafore/shorts

Red polo shirt with school logo *

Plain grey, black, red or white socks/ tights

Black shoes or boots (predominantly black with little colour or decoration, no trainers, open toed sandals or high heels)

Navy school sweatshirt/cardigan with logo*

During the summer months, girls may wear a red gingham dress.

PE / Sports Kit (Not needed in Nursery)

Red T-shirt with school logo *

Black shorts

Black or navy blue jogging bottoms

Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor activities

All items marked * are available to purchase either from www.tesco.com/ues or PMG school wear www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk. All other items are readily available from high street stores.

Skirts should be long enough to enable the wearer to sit cross-legged without embarrassment.



Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery, other than small stud earrings. These must be removed for PE and children must be able to put their own earrings back in.

If a child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed.

In the rare cases when a child cannot remove their ear studs parents must provide plasters that the child can themselves apply to cover ear studs during PE lessons. If they are not covered the child will not be able to take part in the PE lessons.

Inexpensive watches may be worn. However, if a watch is designed for games or making disruptive noises it should not be worn for school.

Fitness tracking devices can be worn in Key Stage Two with parental permission and as long as the device does not also have any gaming settings. These devices remain the responsibility of the pupil. If the device is seen to be distracting from learning a staff member will ask for the device to be removed and kept until the end of the school day.

Watches and fitness tracking devices must be removed for PE.

Hair and make-up

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair accessories such as clips and headbands should be discreet designs and in colours compatible with school uniform colours. These should be for practical rather than decorative reasons.

Long hair must be tied back to prevent the spread of head lice and for safety reasons in practical subjects, including PE. Some hair ornaments may need to be removed for P.E. on the grounds of health and safety.

No make-up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate.

Footwear

The school supports the healthy development of children's feet and therefore shoes with platform soles or high heels are not allowed. Shoes made of breathable material such as leather are preferred and totally plastic shoes (such as jelly shoes) are not acceptable.

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 or boot described in the uniform list. Shoes which incorporate distracting gimmicks in their design are not appropriate for school wear.

Wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day.

Flat sandals with covered toes that provide firm support may be worn in summer but they must have a heel strap to ensure that the foot cannot slip out the sandal. Open toed sandals do not provide adequate protection for children's toes whilst at school.



Seasonal safety

All children should have an appropriate coat in school each day as the weather can be very changeable and children need to be accessing the outdoors whenever possible.

On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- Wearing a hat or cap
- Wearing an appropriate SPF sun-screen that has been applied at home (adults in school are not permitted to apply sun-screen).
- Wearing sunglasses with a CE mark which conform to British Standard BS EN 18361977 and are of a design/colour compatible with school colours.

Children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) will need to have a pair of wellingtons in school at all times to enable them to access the outdoor learning environment. Waterproof trousers are available in each class for the children to wear with their coats.

Children in Nursery

As most children only attend nursery part- time we appreciate the need to make school uniform practical and affordable for parents/carers whilst also providing that sense of belonging to our school. Therefore the requirement is for these children to wear a sweatshirt with the school logo during the colder weather and a school polo shirt or summer dress during the summer months. This will also support parents/carers with providing a spare set of clothes in case children need to be changed during the day. Some of our youngest children are small when they start nursery and we appreciate the difficulties in finding the uniform with the school logo on in these smaller sizes. We will therefore make allowances if it is only possible to find a plain navy cardigan or sweatshirt or plain red polo shirt in the correct size. Of course there is the option for parents/carers to send their child to nursery wearing full school uniform if they wish.

The role of the school

Items bearing the school logo are available for purchase through the approved school suppliers. The school will make every effort to ensure these items are of reasonable quality and an affordable price. There will be consultation with parents in the event of any change in supplier of uniform items.

Second hand clothes are available for a small donation through the Friends of Bampton School. Regular opportunities to purchase second hand uniform are provided through the year and a parent/ carer can request items available via the school office.

The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school.

Acceptance of the school's uniform policy forms part of our Home-School Agreement. In the event of infringement of the uniform policy, in the first instance a member of staff would have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding any explanation for the infringement and any remedial action that might be required (for example, a child might be asked to change into P.E. pumps if their footwear is unsuitable for wear in school or a child wearing a hoodie to school instead of a jacket but then continuing to wear it in the classroom would be asked to



remove it and hang it on their coat peg). A letter may be sent home to make parents/carers aware of the infringement or if non-compliance with the policy continues.

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. All items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

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 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 are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

The role of governors

The governing body 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 the policy 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 the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents 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.

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