



ODST
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Bampton CE Primary School and Nursery

Learning together with Respect, Friendship and Perseverance



School Vision Statement

We endeavour to enable all individuals in our school community to learn together, grow in respect, tolerance and understanding of the world in which we live and embrace Christian values, to be the best that we can be.

Title of Policy	School Uniform Policy
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Signed by the Chair of Governors	

Our Christian vision for Bampton CE Primary School reflects a passionate commitment to learning and recognition of the uniqueness of individual learners. Guided by our Christian values, we are driven by our desire to offer the best possible education for all our pupils in partnership with parents, ODST, Burford Partnership of schools, the Church and the local community.

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

Aims and objectives

We do not want the cost of our school uniform to be a barrier to children attending our school, therefore we aim to review the cost and availability of our uniform on a regular basis and ensure we are offering good value for money on our school branded uniform items. We also offer the options for parents to choose non-branded items in the school colours which are readily available in most supermarkets or popular chain stores and therefore offer good value for money and choice of product. We promote the re-distribution of second-hand uniform to support recycling and reduce costs of purchasing replacement uniform. Boxes of second-hand uniform are stored at school and requests for second hand uniform can be made via the school office. Regular opportunities to select second hand uniform are also provided through the year.

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 (available 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 (available with logo*)

During the summer months, a red gingham dress may be worn.

PE / Sports Kit (Not needed in Nursery)

Red T-shirt (available with logo *)

Black shorts

Black or navy-blue jogging bottoms

Plimsolls or trainers (dark colour and as plain as possible)

All items marked * are available to purchase either from www.myclothing.com 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.

Children are required to wear PE uniform on their designated PE days. This avoids time lost on changing and reduces the need for older children to have separate changing facilities. We ask parents to take this into consideration when deciding on which school uniform items they require.

Year 6

In year 6 our children are given the opportunity to wear a Leavers Hoodie. These are available to order at the end of year 5 ready for wearing throughout Year 6. This replaces the usual school uniform sweatshirt.

After Year 6 have attended the residential in December they are allowed to wear their Pioneer hoodie on PE days.

If attending a PE Partnership event where children are representing our school we ask that they wear their school Hoodie rather than their Pioneer Hoodie.

Coats and Outdoor Clothing

There is no specified requirement for school coats. These need to be practical and appropriate for the weather. We recommend coats having a hood for rainy days so children can still access outdoor play and learning.

Children can bring a pair of wellies to change into to support outdoor play in all weathers.

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.

Bags and other accessories

Children need a bag to carry their school reading book and book bags are available but are an optional purchase other bags can be used. School will provide a plastic wallet at the beginning of each year to ensure reading books are kept clean and dry. If this gets broken or lost we will ask for a small donation to cover the cost of a replacement. All children will need a refillable water bottle and if they will be bringing packed lunch, a lunch bag or box. Large rucksacks are discouraged as they take up significant space in cloakrooms.

Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring a pencil case from home of their choosing but please ensure they are appropriately branded for school use. These can contain:

- Pencils (for writing and colouring)
- Handwriting pens/biros
- Erasers
- Rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Felt pens/gel pens

They should not contain toys or gadgets which may distract from learning.

Children are not allowed to bring any other toys or items from home unless specifically requested by a member of staff. These requests will be made to parents and not directly to children.

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.

When a child cannot remove their ear studs parents or carers must provide plasters or medical tape that the child can themselves apply to cover ear studs during PE lessons. If the child does not have their own plasters school will supply them so that children do not miss out on essential 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 must be removed for PE to avoid breakage. The wearing of fitness trackers is optional but school will accept no responsibility if these are damaged during the lesson.

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. This is regardless of gender so boys with long hair are subject to the same rules. 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. 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.

Children may wear trainers to school on PE days but appropriate school shoes need to be worn on non-PE days. 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.

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 bring 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 sun hat or cap.
- Wearing an appropriate long-lasting SPF sun-screen that has been applied at home. This avoids re-application through the school day. Sun -screen should not be brought into school due to potential allergens being present.
- If your child needs to wear sun glasses for a medical reason this needs to be communicated to school and agreed by the Headteacher. Only sunglasses with a CE mark which conform to British Standard BS EN 18361977 and are of a design/colour compatible with school colours may be worn.

As 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 during the colder weather and a polo shirt or summer dress during the summer months. We also ask that parents/carers provide a spare set of clothes in case children need to be changed during the day. 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

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, a member of staff will have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding any explanation for the infringement (unless they have been made aware of this in advance by the parent/carer). Parents and carers will also be made aware of the infringement and asked to rectify this as soon as possible.

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. This allows us to return lost property to the correct children/family.

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.