

School Uniform Policy 2024-2025

Introduction

Bletchingley Village Primary School believes that having a uniform policy helps create a better learning environment for everyone. This policy explains what pupils should wear to school and why we think it is important. This policy has been reviewed with parents, governors and staff, with reference to latest government and guidance on uniform [Developing school uniform policy - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/developing-school-uniform-policy) and NSPCC guidance on children changing [NSPCC-factsheet-best-practice-for-pe-changing-rooms.pdf\(icmec.org\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/keeping-children-safe-at-school/developing-school-uniform-policy/).

Why We Have a Uniform Policy

- Promoting Fairness and Reducing Distractions:**
Uniforms help make sure all pupils feel equal, no matter what their background is. This reduces pressure to wear the latest fashions and lets pupils concentrate on learning.
- Building School Spirit:**
Wearing a uniform helps pupils feel like they are part of the school community. It encourages pride in the school and helps build a sense of togetherness.
- Improving Safety:**
Uniforms make it easier to identify pupils, both at school and on trips. This helps keep everyone safe by making it clear who belongs to our school.
- Making Mornings Easier:**
With a uniform, families spend less time deciding what to wear each day. This helps pupils come to school ready to learn without worrying about their clothes.
- Teaching Responsibility:**
Wearing a uniform helps pupils learn the importance of dressing properly for different occasions. This is an important life skill that they will use beyond school.

Adjustments

We understand that some pupils may have specific needs or disabilities that require adjustments to the uniform policy. Our school is committed to making reasonable accommodations to ensure that all pupils are comfortable and can fully participate in school activities. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss any necessary adjustments with the school, so we can provide tailored solutions that respect both the uniform guidelines and the individual needs of our pupils.

By following our policy, we all help create a positive, inclusive, and focused learning environment for every pupil.

Uniform Policy from September 2024

Nursery

- Jogging bottoms, leggings, or shorts – navy
- Polo shirt – white or navy (plain or with school logo)
- Sweatshirt, jumper, or cardigan – navy (plain or with school logo)
- Summer dresses in warmer weather (optional) - blue and white check
- Plain navy fleece, with or without a school logo, in colder weather (optional)
- Shoes or trainers with Velcro fastening - plain black (hard wearing and sensible i.e. no heels or heavy boots)

Plain means no additional logos, patterns, or colour.

Uniform with the school logo can be bought online via the school website.

Reception – Y6

- Trousers, shorts, skirt*, or pinafore* – grey
- Polo shirt – white or navy (plain or with school logo)
- Sweatshirt, jumper, or cardigan – navy (plain or with school logo) (with the exception of Y6 leavers hoodies, hooded tops are not allowed)
- Socks – grey *or* white
- or*
- Tights - grey or navy
- Summer dresses* in warmer weather (optional) - blue and white check
- Plain navy fleece with or without a school logo in colder weather (optional)
- Shoes or trainers – plain black (hard wearing and sensible)

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*No leggings to be worn under skirts or pinafores – children may still continue to wear shorts underneath if they wish for modesty reasons

PE kit:

From September 2024, we will revert to our pre-Covid arrangements where children change for PE in school. Children will keep their PE kit in school and change before lessons. Please provide the items below in a named bag at the start of the year. This will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and must be returned after half term.

- T-Shirt - white or navy (plain or with school logo)
- Shorts – plain navy (no cycling shorts)
- or*
- Tracksuit/joggers – plain navy (no leggings)
- Trainers or plimsolls – plain black (Velcro fastening in reception)

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Having children change into their PE kit at school rather than coming dressed in it offers several benefits:

1. Preparation:
Changing at school helps children get ready for physical activity and separates it from their academic work.
2. Discipline:
This routine helps children learn to manage their time and belongings responsibly. It helps children to be more independent and learn how to dress/ undress themselves, do buttons up, tie laces, etc
3. Professional Environment:
Wearing regular uniforms for classes maintains a serious and focused learning atmosphere and ensures students look smarter every day.
4. Flexibility:
If there is bad weather or a last-minute timetable change, teachers can be flexible about when PE takes place during the week

Outdoor learning

Please provide comfortable outdoor clothing that can get dirty, appropriate for the time of year and school (i.e. no cropped tops). Children should always have a change of clothes with them as all year groups spend a large part of the day outside. Children should also have a warm, waterproof coat to wear in cold weather, including outdoor learning, and a pair of outdoor shoes, preferably wellies, in school.

Please ensure that all children's belongings are **clearly named**. Named lost property is returned to the child. Unnamed lost property is kept in the conservatory and if unclaimed is then sold by FOBS or recycled.

Jewellery

Watch and stud earrings only. Surrey County Council policy is that these must be covered with tape during PE. Staff **cannot provide tape or remove earrings**, so please send children to school ready for their PE lesson. Older children may remove their stud earrings themselves at school.

Hair, make-up, nails

Hair must not be excessively styled for school and long hair must be tied back with plain, discrete hair accessories for health and safety reasons and to allow children to work unhindered.

Make-up, acrylic nails, false eyelashes, and nail varnish must not be worn to school.

What to expect if the uniform policy is not followed.

Where children are not able to come to school in the correct uniform, please advise the school office. If this is a temporary (24 hour) situation, they will let staff know so that your child is not then questioned about it. In other cases, you will be contacted by the office to discuss how we can support you.

Where children arrive in school wearing make-up or nail varnish, they will be expected to remove these with the cleansers we will provide. Where a child is wearing false nails or eyelashes that they are not able to remove, parent/carers will be asked to support the school by attending and removing them.

Where children refuse to comply with a request, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to support the school either through a conversation with the child or by coming in.

If you are finding the cost of providing uniform a challenge, please remember that Miss Brown is available to support in a range of ways and pre-loved uniform is always available through the office.