

BLETCHINGLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 12th July 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As mentioned in our newsletter, we have been reviewing our school uniform policy ready for September 2024. As part of this review, we have looked at what other schools do and how well this works and reviewed the latest government guidance available.

This policy will apply from September 2024 and has been written and approved by our new Head Teacher, Mrs Coady, and our School Governors. We have consulted with staff, parents and governors to ensure that we offer a clear policy for our parents and carers. We have listened to the feedback, and where appropriate, included information to help you understand the reasons for the changes we have made.

Changing for PE in class

This was the procedure in school, and at most other primary schools pre-Covid. From September 2024, we will revert to these arrangements again. Children will keep their PE kit in school and change before lessons. This will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and must be returned after half term.

We have outlined within the policy the benefits of doing this. Parents have also told us this will make getting ready for school easier, particularly where you have children doing PE on different days. All children will wear the same uniform Monday to Friday.

No Leggings/Cycling Shorts

From September 2024, children should wear tights or socks with their pinafores or skirts rather than leggings. For PE, children should wear joggers or jersey trousers/shorts. These are available from supermarkets at low cost. If you need support with obtaining these, please speak to the office and we will be able to help you.

We have seen a drop in standards of children wearing their school uniform. As the year has gone on, some children have been coming in wearing leggings/cycling shorts every day, some branded and some ill-fitting which resulted in them being too revealing and inappropriate for the school environment. The lines between what is the correct school uniform and what is correct PE kit uniform were being blurred.

Black Trainers/Plimsolls for PE

As previously indicated to parents, from September 2024, children should wear plain black trainers or plimsolls for PE.

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Our policy outlines what should be worn as school uniform and PE kit. This is in line with the approach taken by other primary schools, including many in the local area, and we hope it will raise standards and encourage our children to look and feel smart and ready to learn.

We understand that some pupils may have specific needs or disabilities that require adjustments to the uniform policy. As always, we will be happy to discuss these with parents, please email the school office with the relevant information.

We hope that you support us by making sure we start the new school year with the correct uniform. If a child arrives in school with the incorrect uniform, we will contact you to discuss how we can support you. We will be talking to children about the changes before the end of term and again in September and will celebrate success where classes are following our policy well.

If you have a question about the policy, please email the school office (info@bletchingleytl.co.uk). If we receive multiple similar questions from parents, we will make the answers available to all parents.

Thank you for your continued support,

Debbie Gregori and Denise Coady, together with the School Governors

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