

BRIZE NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on the school website.

Rationale

The ethos of our school is summed up in our mission statement, 'Belonging, Learning and Succeeding'.

We want all of our children to reflect our school ethos and show their sense of pride in their school. This is seen day to day in the children's attitudes to learning and their behaviour. It is also shown through the appearance of our children each day, when we have visitors in school and when we go out on trips. We want all children who come to our school to feel a sense of identity and belonging. We feel our uniform policy should reflect the high standards we expect of children and the high standards we achieve across the school.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

School Uniform

Red Brize Norton sweatshirt or cardigan with small oval logo

White polo or cotton shirt

Navy blue school skirt or trousers (not denim, combat style or tight lycra)

Navy tights or white or navy blue socks to be worn with skirts and plain dark socks to be worn with trousers

From Easter to October half term (summer months):

Girls may wear blue and white checked dresses with white socks

Boys may wear smart navy blue shorts with navy blue or white socks

Optional uniform items:

Brize Norton fleece jackets (to be worn outside only)

Footwear:

Children are required to wear black or navy formal school shoes in school (not trainers or calf- or knee-length boots). These can be worn to and from school and inside the building. Laces should be black or navy.

In addition we ask children to bring an old pair of trainers/outdoor shoes to help protect their smart shoes whilst playing outside at break times.

P.E. Requirements:

Navy shorts

Plain white T-shirt Trainers or plimsolls

In winter months children should have navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a navy sweatshirt in school. Children's P.E. kit should be in school at all times and be kept in a Brize Norton P.E. bag.

For swimming boys are required to wear swimming trunks or 'short' shorts (not shorts lower than the knee) and girls a swimming costume. Children require a swimming cap and towel.

It is essential that all clothing is named, where possible with sewn in labels (pen often fades).

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance. Children are allowed to wear a watch. We ask the children to remove these objects before PE, games and swimming to prevent them causing injury. Large dangling key rings are not allowed.

Girls may wear hair bands and clips in navy blue, black or (in summer) fabric matching their summer dresses.

School Trips

On most school trips, children will be expected to wear uniform as usual. The exception to this is trips involving outdoor activities, including residential trips. On these occasions, while uniform is not required, the rules on jewellery still apply and clothes should be practical and suitable for the activities concerned. Clothes which might be considered sexually provocative (such as very short skirts) or offensive (such as T-shirts with offensive messages) are not permitted. Parents will be informed of what clothing is required before any trip.

Ordering Uniform:

The school sells sweatshirts, cardigans and book bags. These items can be ordered at any time during the school year by completing an order form available from the school office or on the school website. This order form should be returned with payment to the school office.

Other items of uniform can be purchased from our school shop, Simply Schoolwear. Orders can be placed online (www.simplyschoolwear.co.uk), over the telephone (08004046644) or by visiting the shop in Faringdon.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities and if there are any reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and sensitively. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

- receiving headteacher reports to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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Date of next review: September 2017