

Booth Wood Academy

Policy on School Uniform

It is our policy that all children should 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 on the school website or in the school office.

1 Aims and objectives

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

- 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 and carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

2 Make-up / Nails

Children are not allowed to wear make-up of any kind and nail art is forbidden.

3 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.

4 Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we 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 sensible black flat shoes or boots (winter).

6 The role of parents and carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should 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. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents and carers 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 and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7 The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers 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.

9 Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

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

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Appendix A

Main Uniform:

- School navy V neck jumper or cardigan with or without logo (*we encourage all parents to purchase one with a logo for school trips and photos*)
- Polo Shirt – White or navy with or without logo (*NOT light blue*)
- Dark trousers/shorts – black/navy/dark grey
- Skirt – tartan/navy/dark grey/black
- Summer dresses – blue and white gingham. (with or without logo)
- Pinafore dresses – navy/grey/tartan (with or without logo)
- Footwear – Black robust shoes. **NO TRAINING SHOES**
- Socks/tights – black/grey/white

Year 6 uniform:

- 1x blue stripped school tie
- 1 x white shirt

Same rules apply regarding footwear, jumpers and trousers/skirts as above.

PE Kit:

- Navy blue/Black shorts, skort or leggings
- Coloured T-shirt (with or without logo). Colour will be based on pupils' team colour, red, blue, green or yellow. White T-shirt (with or without logo) will be allowed as an alternative to a coloured T-shirt until August 2026.
- Footwear – plimsoles or training shoes for indoor PE. Training shoes must be worn for outdoor PE lessons.
- Jogging bottoms for the winter.
- Navy blue/Black plain jumper for the winter

FOREST School Kit:

Cherry Class

- Long sleeve top or a short sleep top with a long sleeve jumper/ fleece over it
- Long trousers such as joggers or leggings
- Wellie (these can be supplied by school) **If bringing your own wellies you must also be another pair of shoes to wear in the classroom, as wellies are not allowed in the classroom.**
- Warm thick socks in the winter

Year 1-6

- **PE kit with wellington boots or sturdy outdoor footwear** (these are for forest school areas only) another pair of shoes should be brought in winter as muddy

wellies/shoes are not allowed in the classroom.

or

- **Children may bring older clothing to change into.** Pupils will be required to change into these clothes during the breaktime immediately before their Forest School session and change back into their school uniform at the end of the session. If the session takes place at the end of the school day, children may go home wearing their Forest School clothing.
- **Waterproof trousers and coats, or a sunhat, as appropriate for the weather conditions.**

Coats:

- Suitable coat appropriate to the season.

Optional items:

- Navy blue fleece jackets
- Reversible jackets – showerproof
- Beanie hats
- Safari hats/sun cap
- Urban Jacket (new)