



Banks St. Stephen's Church of England Primary School
"Belonging, Serving, Succeeding"

Vision for Banks St. Stephen's Church of England Primary School

"We actively promote a sense of pride in belonging to this community. Leading by example, we seek opportunities to serve God by serving others. We are ambitious for each individual and determined to enable every member of the school community to flourish and succeed."

UNIFORM POLICY

Our school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, in line with our school vision "Belonging, Serving, Succeeding". This supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life and promotes a sense of readiness to work and a focused frame of mind.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

At Banks St Stephen's CE Primary School, we believe that a school uniform is important, because it:

- looks smart
- is comfortable and practical
- is cost effective and easy to clean
- contributes to a sense of belonging
- fosters a feeling of pride in our school

Winter (September - April)

- Charcoal grey trousers /skirt/pinafore (skirts and pinafores should be knee length)/charcoal grey shorts with grey socks
- Pale blue shirt with top button fastened and shirt tails tucked into trousers/skirt
- Royal blue V-necked school jumper or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Grey or white socks
- Grey tights should be without pattern. Socks should not be worn over tights.

- School tie
- Black shoes

Summer (April - September) In addition to the uniform above, pupils may also choose to wear:

- Pale blue short sleeved shirt/blouse
- Pale blue and white gingham dress

Ties are available to buy from the school office.

Some items of uniform can be bought with the Banks St. Stephen's School logo on, whilst other plain items are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for P.E. and Outdoor Learning, is included in this policy.

Footwear

Plain, black, smart, sturdy shoes.

(Boots, trainers, pumps, thin fabric shoes or high heels are not acceptable. For information, if you are unsure of the suitability of footwear, please ask a member of staff).

Acceptable footwear is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Outdoor clothing

Outdoor wear should be a warm coat preferably with a hood. Scarves, gloves and hats may be worn during cold weather but these should not be worn in the school buildings.

Bags and belongings

Every student should have a school reading bag for school equipment.

P.E. and Games Kit

A change of clothes and footwear is required for Physical Education and Games lessons. Black shorts, pale blue T shirts (with or without the school logo) and black plimsolls.

Trainers can be worn for outdoor sport.

In cold weather, children can bring a pair of plain black jogging bottoms to wear over their PE clothes. A plain black hoodie, sweatshirt or tracksuit top is also acceptable (or school jumper or cardigan can be worn on top of the PE T Shirt). Tracksuits, sweatshirts and hoodies should be plain and black (not designer items with logos).

Leggings are not part of the school uniform.

Our official uniform can be ordered online from www.myclothing.com or bought from Whittakers Online or Uniform shop in Southport.

<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/southport/banks-st-stephens-c-of-e-primary-school/>

Learning outdoors in the forest:

Pupils learning in the forest may need a change of clothes – their teacher will advise. Children can bring a pair of black jogging bottoms, clean socks, a plain black hoodie, sweatshirt or tracksuit top and trainers or wellies.

Swimming:

Girls;

One piece swimming costume, towel and swimming cap.

Boys;

Swimming trunks or swimming shorts (no Bermuda shorts or PE shorts), towel and swimming cap.

Goggles for swimming (only allowed after parental permission form received by school)

Outdoor Sports

Football boots – staff will notify when these are required

If a lesson is due to be outdoors, any **non-participating students** must have a complete change of clothing, for example, trainers or football boots, tracksuit bottoms, T-shirt and a sweatshirt. They will be involved in the lesson in other ways to ensure that they are supervised at all times. As the weather can be unpredictable, this ensures that your son/daughter still has a clean/dry uniform for school use. Consequently if you send your child into school with a note explaining why they cannot participate, then a change of clothing/footwear as detailed above will also be required

Earrings: No pupil should wear earrings at all in school. If pupils attend school with earrings, they will be asked to remove them.

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery with the exception of a watch. If a student needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed or covered up during physical activity or during practical learning. Jewellery worn for medical or religious reasons will only be allowed once approval has been sought and agreed in writing in advance.

Hair should not obscure a student's vision. Extreme hairstyles, gel or colourings are not allowed. If parents are unsure as to the suitability of a hairstyle, they should check with the staff in school first. Long hair should always be tied back, especially during PE lessons or practical activities. Hair accessories should be small, plain and blue.

Make up is not allowed at any time. **Nail varnish or false nails** are not allowed.

The Role of Parents/Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. We have a large stock of pre-loved uniform items in school and invite all parents to consider using our recycled stock in order to save money and save the planet!

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

As a school, we place high priority on preparedness for work. Whilst the uniform policy is agreed by the Governing Body, the day to day implementation of it is the responsibility of the Headteacher, supported by the school staff.

The lists above are not exhaustive, and the final decision of suitability of the appearance of students lies with the Headteacher.

In the situation where a student is in school in incorrect uniform, parents will be contacted and asked to rectify the situation, by, for example, bringing to school the appropriate school uniform or coming in to school to remove earrings.

Students may be required, in the case of inappropriate uniform/footwear, to wear uniform/shoes provided by the school in order to allow them to carry on with normal lessons.

Where uniform is not being worn correctly due to a short term medical issue (e.g. short term problems with footwear) students will be required to bring a note into school explaining the reasons.

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