



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

All year round uniform:

- Charcoal Grey or Black Trousers or Shorts
- Pale Blue or White Polo T-Shirt
- Royal Blue Round Neck Pullover
- Grey or Black Socks

- Black Shoes

Winter (September - April)

- Charcoal Grey Skirt/Pinafore/Smart Trousers
- Pale Blue or White Polo T-Shirt
- Royal Blue Cardigan or Round Neck Pullover
- White Socks/Grey Tights
- Black Shoes

Summer (April - September)

- Pale Blue and White Gingham Dress
- Pale Blue or White Polo T-Shirt
- Royal Blue Cardigan or Round Neck Pullover
- Black Shoes

We also have fleece jackets and caps. Caps are available to buy from the school office.

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:

Child come dressed in their P.E. kit on the days they have P.E. 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 royal blue jogging bottoms to wear over their PE clothes. A plain royal blue 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 royal blue (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 royal blue 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.

Earrings:

Earrings are allowed in school but must be stud earrings and not hoops for safety reasons. Students are required to remove earrings before participating in physical education (PE) activities.

Jewellery and Hairstyles:

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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