



Bishop Tufnell CE 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.

Aims and Objectives

We believe that school uniform:

- Encourages a sense of belonging for all children;
- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Prevents children from coming to school in clothes that could be distracting in class;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.
- Can be left at home on special occasions, e.g. to support good causes

Jewellery

We follow West Sussex Local Authority guidelines. 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, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and sports activities, or cover them with tape (to be provided by parents), to prevent them from causing injury.

Haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Long hair should be tied back.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We expect children to wear plain black school shoes, not trainers. However, there are exceptional circumstances where children may be allowed to wear plain black trainers. Parents should speak with the Headteacher if you feel your child needs to wear trainers instead of more formal shoes.

The role of Children

Children are expected to take personal care in their appearance and to make every effort to wear the correct uniform.

The role of Parents

We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. 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. If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should speak, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want

their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will always consider such requests. Children need to come into school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE.

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 with sensitivity.

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 appropriate.

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;
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Most recent review: June 2026

Next review: Spring 2028

Version History

May 2026	• Formatting • Removed reference to a school prospectus • Aims and objectives – tweaked to reflect new vision of belonging and removal of duplication • Footwear – added adaptation for trainers in exceptional circumstances • Appendix 1 • significantly amended for ease of reading • Added information about PE days • Added explicit reference to three items requiring a school logo (in line with updated DfE guidance) • Added note about second hand uniform and option of using other shops • Added expectation of trainers and shorts to be plain
March 2025	Most recently previously reviewed (original)

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We are proud of how smart our children look, and we appreciate the support of all parents in ensuring our children are dressed appropriately for school each day. To support this, please see our uniform expectations and top tips below.

- Children wear school uniform on three days and come into school for the full day in their PE kit on two days of the week. Please consider this as you plan how many of each item to purchase.
- **Please** label **everything** clearly (from clothes to water bottles and bags). If things get mislaid, please ask a member of staff to direct you to the lost property.
- No jewellery of any kind is to be worn to school. (Religious or ethnic preferences will, of course, be respected.) Extremes of clothing, jeans, footwear, haircuts, hair dyes, badges or items that could endanger children's safety will not be accepted at school. Any child wearing stud earrings will be expected to remove them for P.E. for safety reasons.
- In line with government guidance, the school expects no more than three items of uniform to carry the school logo. All other items can be plain, or you can choose to have other items with the school logo if you wish. The three items that must carry the school logo are:
 - The school jumper or cardigan
 - The PE hoodie
 - The PE T-shirt
- New uniform can be purchased directly from our supplier, JW Sports - JW Sports, 55 High St, Bognor Regis - [Bishop Tufnell C.E Primary School | JW Sports](#). JW Sports stocks plain items such as PE shorts and summer dresses for your convenience but you do not need to purchase through JW sports, you can buy any plain items from any store.
- Alternatively, good quality second hand uniform can be purchased from the parent teacher association (PoP) for just £1 per item. Please speak to the school office to find out more.

Uniform list Grey/Black long or short trousers Grey/Black skirt/pinafore dress Bottle Green sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo* White polo shirt (with* or without school name) Bottle Green Reversible Jacket* (optional) Green Check Summer Dress Grey/Black Tights Grey/Black Socks Shoes – Sensible Black Leather – not trainers	Other Items your child will need: Lunch Box (named) (if not have school lunches) Waterproof Coat (named) Available from the School Office if you wish to purchase: Book Bags Drawstring P.E. Bags
P.E. Plain black trainers (wherever possible) Plain Navy/Black shorts House Colour T-Shirt* - your child will be allocated a house on starting school. This will be either Goodwood (Green), Slindon (Yellow), Fishbourne (Blue) or Arundel (Red)	

**these items can only be purchased from JW Sports*