



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parent,

## Uniform Information Letter - September 2022

We are fast approaching the time when as school and parents will begin to plan for the start of the new academic year. We would like to take this opportunity to give you information about the Uniform and Appearance Policy, considering the revised guidance that was issued by the Department for Education.

We are very proud of the fact that our students wear their uniform with pride and attend school looking smart and ready to learn. Along with much of the information in the letter below, all of this information is summarised on the school's website: [BPA Website - Uniform & Appearance](#)

Following a review, the expectations for school uniform are split up into compulsory and optional items. We have reduced the number of items that are branded with a school logo but we do expect these items to also be free of other logos (sports ones for example). The school blazer, tie and PE t-shirt are now the only compulsory 'branded' items. As legacy, our stockists do still have crested items available in their stock and these can be worn and are permitted within the revised policy.

A reminder of our expectations:

### Compulsory uniform:

- White shirt with top button fastened and shirt tails tucked into trousers/skirt
- Charcoal grey school trousers (regular fit) **or** thick pleated charcoal grey knee length skirt
- Navy blazer *with school badge*
- School tie (different version for Year 11)
- Plain, grey socks in the same grey as the trouser or skirt
- If wearing a skirt, socks should be long but no higher than the knee (no patterns or bows) **or** plain black tights (minimum 40 denier) can be worn
- Plain, black, smart, sturdy shoes

### Optional Uniform:

- Charcoal grey V-necked school jumper with purple trim

In addition, **shoes should be plain, sturdy, smart and black**. Ballet style pumps and leather trainer type shoes are not suitable for school and do not meet our expectations. If you are unsure about a pair of shoes, please contact school and ask about their suitability so that we can make sure that money spent is on items that meet the appearance expectations.

We would also appreciate your full support with regards to skirts, which should be **strictly knee length**. Please ensure that your child's skirt is of the correct length before they return to school in September and this means that if a skirt is mid knee at the start of the year, when a student grows, it will still meet the expectation moving through the year. This is non-negotiable. For most students this should mean that a 22-inch drop skirt will be required. If you have any concerns about the length of skirt and the fit and you are using the school's existing supplier, we would





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suggest you contact them directly and/or make an appointment. Please also inform us on the enquiries email to let us know so that we can support you to get the length you need.

## PE Kit

### Compulsory kit:

- Navy T-shirt *with school badge*
- Navy sports shorts (no sports logo)
- Navy football socks (no sports logo)
- Trainers
- Football / rugby boots/ shin pads/ gum shield—staff will notify when these are required

### Optional items:

- Navy quarter zip top (no sports logo)
- Navy blue sports leggings (with reflective strip)
- Navy track pants (no sports logo)

Needless to say, wherever possible for financial and reasons related to sustainability, where pre-loved uniform can be recycled or swapped, we would always encourage it. We do know that in Burscough, there is a thriving online marketplace (on Facebook – Burscough Pre-loved Uniforms) where parents are trading and selling items of our uniform and other local schools. Whilst we cannot directly endorse this group, as users, many of our parents have bought, sold and traded items successfully for the last two years.

If your child has any pieces of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we would be delighted to accept donations in school which we will pass onto students who need them. Our team in reception will accept all donations, preferably washed to support students who need it. If you do have any questions, please contact us on the enquiries email.

As ever, as we move towards the start of the new academic year, most important and genuinely, we do not want anyone to ever worry about buying school uniform. If you do need any support with uniform costs for September, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on [enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org) or call us at school and we can talk about this in confidence.

Yours faithfully,

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