



## **School Uniform Policy**

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.

### **Principles**

At Burscough Village Primary school, we pride ourselves in looking smart by wearing our school uniform. Wearing uniform promotes a sense of community within the school and allows children to demonstrate their pride in their school, both within school and when they are out in the local community.

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- Reflects the sense both of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- Is regarded as suitable and good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

All children (Reception – Year 6) need:

- Green sweatshirt or cardigan with Burscough Village Logo
- White polo shirt with Burscough Village logo or plain white polo shirt
- Grey trousers/ skirt/pinafore dress
- Grey/white/black/ socks
- Green or grey tights
- Plain black school shoes without logos (please see attached photographs for examples)
- In summer term the children may wear green checked summer dresses or grey tailored shorts
- Optional green school polar fleece/ waterproof
- Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will need a school book bag to keep reading books, homework and school letters in.

For PE all children (Reception – Year 6) need:

- Green T shirt with Burscough Village logo or plain green T shirt
- Plain black shorts
- White socks
- Black plimsolls/trainers (suitable sports trainers not fashion trainers. Logos must be kept to a minimum.)
- (Optional) Outdoor PE kit – black hoodie with Burscough Village logo or plain black sweatshirt and black jogging bottoms.
- Drawstring bag to keep PE clothing in at school. There is limited space for storage and big sports bags are not necessary.
- Full PE kit should be worn for sporting events and after school clubs.



Please ensure that all items and bags are named.

### **Footwear**

All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers without logos. Please see photographs for acceptable and unacceptable school shoes. For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

### **Trainers**

For playtimes and lunchtimes children can change into outdoor trainers however they must be able to independently change their footwear during the break period.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- earring studs in pierced ears
- small watch.

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming this is to prevent injuries. If they cannot be removed, to cover them with a plaster brought from home. Alternatively, earrings could be removed by parents during the evening before a PE lesson. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

Children who cannot remove their earrings (due to having them pierced in the last 6 weeks) or who cannot apply plasters themselves, will miss the PE lesson for the week. Parents will then be informed to make alternative arrangements for the following week. Teachers are prohibited from removing or replacing earrings & the school will accept no responsibility for accidents caused by the wearing of jewellery.

Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

### **Make up and nail varnish**

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco or summer fair.

### **Hair**

We also request that long hair is tied back if the hair touches the shoulders or is longer. Only plain/green hair accessories are worn.

There should be no extremes of hairstyles. Shaved hair should be a minimum of number 3 and 'tramlines' are not acceptable. Parents of any child that has a haircut that we feel is extreme will be asked to amend their hair cut at the earliest convenience. We respectfully request that children who have a long fringe wear a hair band to allow them to see clearly when engaged in learning activities.

For swimming all long hair should be tied back and children must wear a swimming cap.



Uniform is available to purchase online from an online supplier called Stitch Design using their website address [www.stitchdesign.co.uk](http://www.stitchdesign.co.uk). You will be able to create a secure account and purchase all of the items here. There is also a copy of the school's Uniform Policy available on Stitch Design's webpage.

## **Water**

Water bottles can be purchased from the school office. Children are encouraged to drink plain water throughout the school day. Research suggests children should aim to hydrate with plain, natural drinks that are unsweetened and free from additives. Also adequately hydrated children may perform better in school.

## **Labelling**

All clothing and bags should be clearly labelled with your child's full name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. We cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

## **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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 make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

## **The role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff**

- Set a good example in terms of dress.
- Change for PE into appropriate kit to model good practice.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children/parents who do not wear the correct uniform. If they continue to wear incorrect uniform they will be referred to the Headteacher.

## **The role of the Headteacher**

The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body. The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day to day discipline in the school. The Headteacher will speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform. The school will follow the DfE guidelines where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

## **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.



## **Equalities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equalities and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Burscough Village Primary school is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

## **Monitoring and review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work 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.