Brington C of E Primary School

Uniform Policy

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Introduction

The details within this policy are in compliance with the United Kingdom, Department of Education, Guidance on School uniforms.

It is our school policy that all children wear a school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take pride in their personal appearance.

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary

Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible

Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties.

Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes

Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller

Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups

Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities

Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels

Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items

Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes

Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

Items of uniform can be purchased from an online uniform supplier such as www.brigade.uk.com, or at other shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is provided in the School uniform list section below. The Friends of Brington (PTA) also hold termly uniform sales which are widely publicised

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Head-teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head-teacher 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 enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, safe and practical.

Aims and objectives

Our Uniform Policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind; and
- is considered good value for money by most parents.

Inclusive Uniform Arrangements

At Brington C of E Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils are able to access school life comfortably and confidently. Children with identified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, including those with sensory processing differences, may find certain items of uniform difficult to tolerate.

Where a pupil has a documented sensory profile or SEND need, suitable uniform alternatives may be agreed in partnership with the Headteacher, class teacher and parents/carers. These adaptations will ensure that the child's needs are met while maintaining a smart and appropriate appearance in line with the school's uniform expectations.

Any agreed adjustments will be reviewed regularly and handled sensitively, ensuring inclusion, dignity and equality of access for all pupils.

Jewellery, hair ornaments, make-up and nail varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. Exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove and/or look after any form of jewellery belonging to a child.

Hair bands, clips, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be black, white, grey or red and should be worn to tie up long hair. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes. No trainers should be worn except during PE lessons.

School uniform list

Our school uniform colour is a combination of red and grey. Items can be bought from High Street shops. Several items are branded (jumpers/cardigans); it is not compulsory for branded items to be purchased and worn. Uniform which is unbranded, but is similar in colour, is acceptable. Most items are sold through the Brigade website and delivered to school. Please check the website for details and prices.

http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com/

Uniform Types

Winter uniform

- Red, knitwear jumper or cardigan with the Brington School logo or similar style without the logo;
- White, long or short sleeved shirt or blouse;
- Red and black striped tie (optional);
- Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore dress,
  - Skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows pupils to sit comfortably on the floor,
  - When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length, and
  - Three-quarter, calf length leggings should not be worn;
- Grey tights or socks; and,
- Flat, black shoes which can be done up independently by the child and are suitable for running in the playground and sitting comfortably on the floor.

Summer uniform

As above with the following options:

- Red, gingham summer dress;
- Grey shorts; and,
- White socks can be worn with the gingham dress

Physical Education (P.E.) Kit

Children require a change of clothes and footwear along with a separate bag in which to keep the kit at school (for health and hygiene reasons). P.E. kit and P.E. bags (all of which are unbranded) can be purchased from Brigade as well as many sports shops and supermarkets.

All school uniforms MUST be labelled. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by labelling all pieces and parts of any school uniform.. Pupils should come into school wearing their P.E. kits on their P.E. days.

PE Kit list:

- plain black shorts or jogging bottoms that allow freedom of movement (for outdoor lessons in cold weather);
- plain red T-shirt;
- trainers (velcro fastenings are essential for younger children); and,
- red fleeces / sweatshirts can be used for outside lessons in cold weather.

When the swimming pool is operational during the summer term, children should bring a swimming costume and towel with goggles and a swimming hat as an option every day. Girls need to have a one piece bathing costume.

Forest School Clothing

Pupils attending Forest School sessions are required to attend school on these days wearing the school PE kit. As Forest School activities take place in an outdoor woodland environment, pupils must wear long black tracksuit bottoms for safety. Suitable waterproof clothing is required and must be brought to school on Forest School days. Pupils must also have a pair of wellington boots in school to ensure they are appropriately dressed for outdoor conditions. These requirements are in place to safeguard pupils and to ensure they are suitably equipped for the activities undertaken during Forest School sessions.

Health and Safety

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed before school. If your child does wear any form of jewellery on a day when PE takes place, it is not the responsibility of the teacher to remove and look after any such items. The days PE lessons take place will be detailed on the school website.

Policy Updates

Next Policy review scheduled for March 2028