

School Uniform Policy



1 Introduction

- 1.1 At Bridgewater our policies are regularly reviewed. This reflects current practice within school and all related government guidance and statutory requirements.
- 1.2 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events during or outside normal school hours.
- 1.3 We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus and on our website. The costs of these items are kept as low as possible with our supplier's focus always on value for money. Branded items are not required. PE kit is provided free of charge. When non-uniform is more appropriate, parents will be informed.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
 - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
 - is practical and smart;
 - identifies the children with the school;
 - prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
 - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
 - is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
 - is designed with health and safety in mind.
 - sets an appropriate tone for education.

3 Second-Hand Uniform

- 3.1 Second-hand uniform is available for parents to acquire. Please contact the school office for the current availability of items and sizes.

4 Jewellery

- 4.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

5 Footwear

- 5.1** 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 or are backless, so we do not allow children to wear these types of shoes in school and we reserve the right to send a child home. Children are provided with a school PE kit and must wear trainers or plimsolls for PE. School has a spare stock of these items for children to wear.

6 The role of parents

- 6.1** We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. 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.
- 6.2** 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.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1** The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- 7.2** It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- 7.3** Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1** The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:
- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they support the policy;
 - considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

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