



ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

Approved by: Full Governing Body

Last reviewed: April 2021

Next review due by: April 2024

Rationale

We believe that our school is special and that all the pupils who attend are part of our collective family, for which we are all responsible. In the same way that teaching and support staff wear clothes that are appropriate for the purpose, we believe that pupils should wear a uniform that is practical and attractive and which signifies their membership of the school. A common uniform does not single out children from any particular social class and helps to prevent rivalry between the pupils. We would like all pupils to conform to the following guidelines, and ask for support from parents to make this work. We respect the cultural background of all our pupils and acknowledge that there may be some exceptions to these guidelines, dependant on the requirements of some faiths; these would need to be agreed between parents and the Head Teacher. We also acknowledge equal opportunities based on gender.

Indoor clothing

For everyday wear, pupils are expected to conform to the dress code of St Botolph's School, which is plain grey tailored trousers or a skirt/pinafore dress, teamed with a white shirt, blouse or polo shirt, and a red cardigan or sweatshirt. Red and white checked dresses or grey shorts with polo shirt are optional during warm weather. Fleeeces are available as an outdoor garment and should not be worn indoors in place of a cardigan or sweatshirt. Socks or tights should be red, white or grey. Items showing the school logo are available to purchase from The Sewing Shop, Echo Square, Gravesend DA12 1NP either in the shop or online (www.the-sewing-shop.co.uk), tel 01474 536700.

Hair

- Hair which the teacher considers too long for safety should be tied back with a plain hairband, ribbon or scrunchy matching the school colours
- Natural hair colours only
- No shapes shaved into the hair
- No Mohican style haircuts
- No partially shaved heads (eg one side long and one side short)
- No zero grade haircuts

Jewellery

Pupils may wear a sensible watch and one small stud earring in each ear. No other jewellery is permitted apart from for religious reasons, which the Head Teacher will need to be consulted on. Watches and earrings must be removed before PE activities; pupils unable to remove earrings will not be permitted to participate in PE and parents will be contacted about this. If a pupil is unable to remove their own earrings, parents should remove their child's earrings before school on days when the child has PE lessons. Staff will not remove or fit earrings for a pupil, nor should they agree to look after any watch or other item of jewellery; these are the sole responsibility of the pupil.

If a pupil comes to school with any other form of jewellery, then he/she will be asked to remove it and not wear it again. If the pupil comes to school with the same jewellery again, this will be confiscated for the remainder of the day and the parent/s of the pupil concerned will be asked to collect the item/s from the Head Teacher.

Footwear

Black sturdy shoes should be worn for school. Trainers and boots are not permitted in class but may be worn at break times.

Clothing for P.E.

Pupils should wear black shorts and a t-shirt in their house colour to participate in PE lessons. During the winter months, all pupils require trainers and suitable outdoor clothing (such as jogging bottoms and sweatshirt or tracksuit in dark, plain colours) in addition to shorts and t-shirt.

For safety, children have bare feet for dance and gymnastics. Games and athletic lessons are held outdoors as well as indoors so trainers or sturdy plimsolls also need to be supplied, preferably slip-ons or with Velcro fastenings so that children can put them on unaided.

Bags

Pupils should bring their PE kit to school in a clearly named, drawstring bag; larger bags for football kits should only be brought in on the named day, and should be stored sensibly. Book bags and packed lunch boxes are the only other items permitted to be brought into school.

General

If a member of staff considers that a pupil is not suitably attired, he/she will notify the pupil verbally. If the pupil persists in wearing inappropriate clothing to school, a letter will be sent to the parent/s.

School Uniform

- White blouse/shirt/polo shirt
- Red jumper/cardigan
- Plain grey skirt/tailored trousers/pinafore dress (leggings must not be worn)
- Dark socks with trousers/grey, red or white socks/tights with skirts/dresses
- Black shoes
- **Summer** – red and white checked dress or plain grey shorts are optional

Uniform items embroidered with the school logo are available to purchase from The Sewing Shop, 4 Echo Square, Gravesend DA12 1NP either in the shop, online (www.the-sewing.shop.co.uk) or by telephone (01474 536700). School logo items are optional.

Please name all clothing clearly so that it can be easily returned if lost. All unclaimed lost property is put in our lost property box and is donated to charity at the end of each term due to lack of storage space; please ensure that any lost property is claimed promptly.

Jewellery - Children may wear a sensible watch (not a smart watch) and one small stud earring in each ear. No other jewellery is permitted apart from for religious reasons, which the Head Teacher will need to be consulted on. Please see special arrangements regarding jewellery and PE lessons on page 12.

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- No zero grade haircuts