

# Begbrook Primary Academy

## School Uniform Policy



### **Policy statement:**

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way which helps us show that we all belong together and that we are dressed ready to learn. It promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It is also about preparing children for the future when there will be expectations about what is suitable to wear and how to present ourselves. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school. **Smartness and high standards of appearance are always expected.**

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in this policy and on our website.

### **Aims:**

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




- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies children with the school
- Is not distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind

### **Our uniform:**

Our school uniform is compulsory for all pupils attending Begbrook Primary Academy. **To promote a sense of community and belonging, all children are requested to wear a navy-blue jumper/cardigan with the Begbrook Primary Academy school logo.** This item of clothing can be purchased from our online supplier. Alternatively, iron-on logo badges can be purchased from the school office. Parents can also purchase additional items of uniform online from our supplier.

If parents/carers wish to buy jumpers/cardigans, polo shirts or t-shirts (without the school logo) from other retailers, these items must be totally plain and match the colour of the school uniform.

*Please see appendix one for details regarding our online supplier as well as our other initiatives for promoting and purchasing school uniform.*

	Item of uniform	Guidance notes
STANDARD UNIFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy blue jumper or cardigan <b>with school logo</b></li> </ul> 	Hoodies are not permitted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plain grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress</li> </ul> 	<p>Trousers must be a tailored fit e.g., no jogging bottoms or leggings</p> <p>Skirts should be no higher than 2" above the knee</p> <p>Skirts must be no longer than ankle length</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light blue or white polo shirt (with or without school logo)</li> </ul> 	Items specified must have a collar e.g., no t-shirts

- Blue and white checked summer dress



Dress length should be no higher than 2" above the knee and no longer than ankle length

- Plain grey or black shorts (summer option)



Shorts must be fitted e.g., no sports shorts

- Plain grey or black tights
- Plain grey, black or white socks

Socks/tights must be worn at school  
Leggings can be worn under dresses and skirts in the winter months in place of tights (provided socks are also be worn)

- Plain navy-blue fleece/jacket (with or without school logo)



For outdoor wear only

- Plain black or navy head covering

This should be for religious purposes

**Footwear**

- Predominantly black shoes, black trainers or black boots



Shoes/trainers must be flat e.g., no heels and no hee-les

Shoes/trainers must have backs on them and closed toes.




Boots should be flat and ankle height

**Parents are asked to label items of uniform clearly.**

**If items are clearly named, then this will help us return missing items to their owner.**

## Physical Education (PE) Kit:

PE clothing or 'kit' is worn during PE lessons. The kit includes:

Item of uniform	Guidance notes
Navy blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms (for winter outdoor PE) 	Items should be plain in colour and contain no logos. Football kits from professional or amateur clubs is not permitted to be worn as PE kit.
Plain white t-shirt (with or without school logo) 	T-shirts must be plain e.g., no logos or football shirts
Daps or trainers (for outdoor PE) A draw string kit bag 	A school jumper or plain navy blue/black tracksuit top can be worn in colder weather.

## Jewellery:

The following items of jewellery are permitted in school:

- Earrings – one small stud in each ear lobe (children must remove these before PE lessons)
- Watches – these should be a suitable size
- Hair accessories – these should be minimal and in neutral colours
- Religious jewellery items are permissible as approved by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). Begbrook Primary Academy cannot accept responsibility for any items, such as watches or jewellery, brought into school.

For clarity, the following are NOT permitted in school:

- Facial piercings
- False nails/gel nails/acrylic nails
- False eyelashes
- Make up

## Equalities:

Recognising that the school is a diverse community, and some religions and beliefs require children to follow a particular dress code, the school will make any necessary amendments to this policy to allow this to happen. Reasonable requests to vary the School Uniform Policy to meet the

needs of individual pupils to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations should be discussed with a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

### **Lost property:**

Lost property is located in the corner of the main playground and the corner of year 2 playground. Each term, we will put all remaining lost property on tables under the blue canopy on the main playground to make it easier to look through. Any remaining property will be considered as a donation to the Academy's second-hand stock.

### **The role of parents/carers:**

As part of choosing to send your child to Begbrook Primary Academy, parents are expected to fully support the contents of this policy by providing appropriate uniform for their child.

We request that parents inform the school if their child is unable to wear an item of school uniform for any reason at any time.

The school will keep a fresh supply of spare uniform and children may be asked to change into this if they have come into school dressed in inappropriate clothing (including non-uniform or variations of the uniform).

### **Review:**

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all pupils, parents/carers, staff and Academy Councillors. This policy has been consulted on through parent forum, parent view and has been agreed by Academy Council. The content of the policy shall be reviewed every three years (2025), or sooner if necessary.