

Bearwood Primary School

School Uniform policy



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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- › Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- › Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- › Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school’s legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- › Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- › Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- › Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- › Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- › Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- › Allow pupils to wear headscarves
- › Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with headteacher@bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

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 on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have 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’ ability to ‘shop around’ for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

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

We will do this by:

- › Not requiring any item to be school-branded
- › Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- › Having the same uniform throughout school
- › Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- › Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- › Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

School Uniform

Green jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without school logo)

Grey trousers or grey skirt (at least knee length)

White shirt or polo shirt

Black/green/white headscarf

Black, sensible, comfortable (not fashion) shoes or black trainers.

Boots are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.

In summer a green check/striped dress may be worn

No jewellery is allowed other than one pair of small stud earrings, watches and one religious bangle.

Uniform P.E Kit

Plimsolls or trainers

Green shorts or green tracksuit bottoms

Yellow T-shirt

All jewellery must be removed for p.e.

Religious bangles must be covered with a sweat band

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please do so at the start of the holiday so that they are ready for p.e in September. A child cannot do p.e. with earrings.

4.2 Where to purchase it

- As logo uniform is not compulsory, uniform can be purchased at any supermarket or other outlet
- Sweatshirts with the school logo can be purchased at Clive Marks on Three Shires Oak Road or Warmark , 488 Bearwood Road

- Second Hand School Uniform
 - Is available at the School Uniform Bank, Brasshouse Community Centre in the summer holidays
 - School has a stock of second hand uniform that is available to all through our Home School Link Worker, Mrs Klair

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact headteacher@bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact headteacher@bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by discussion to ascertain the reasons why and to seek a resolution.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed following any new guidance from Dfe or if changes are required

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
 - Equality information and objectives statement
 - Anti-bullying policy
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- Approved by: Governing Body 15/09/22
 - Last reviewed on: N/A
 - Next review due by: When changes are made to uniform or if Dfe guidance is updated