



# Barton Clough Primary School

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## School Uniform Policy

Date	Review Date	Coordinator	Nominated Governor
September 2020	September 2023	Jessica Bennion	Sue Smith

### Introduction

The purpose of this guidance is to support the development of a school uniform policy, which is sensitive to the needs of children, parents and the school, reflecting too cultural dress protocols within the community. The school will act fairly and reasonably, bearing in mind our duties under the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010 and anti-discrimination legislation.

It is Barton Clough Primary School policy that all pupils **must** wear their full uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. The school will provide a complete list of items needed in the school prospectus, on the school website, at parents' information evenings and in letters to parents.

### Aims

Our policy on uniform is based on the principles that the school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school, in line with our ethos, values and beliefs
- Engenders a sense of 'community' and 'belonging' to the school
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical, comfortable and smart
- Identifies pupils with the school and encourages identification with the school
- Prevents pupils from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition
- Makes pupils feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils
- Is regarded as suitable for school and value for money by most parents
- Promotes the school's care for the health and safety of its children

### Expectations

We expect all pupils to comply with this uniform policy, which will be monitored. Any pupil who falls short of these requirements will be advised of this fact by their class teacher and given the opportunity to improve. Continued failure to comply will be brought to the attention of the Deputy Headteacher. Repeated failure to comply will be referred to the Headteacher.

## The Role of Parents/Carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to Barton Clough Primary School to support our uniform policy.

We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent or carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representations in the first instance to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faiths. If there are serious reasons, e.g. on religious grounds, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the officially-approved uniform, the school will look at such requests sympathetically.

## The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It will consider all representations from parents/carers regarding the uniform policy and will liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

## Non-compliance with Uniform Policy

The Headteacher can discipline a pupil for breach of the uniform policy. However, the Department for Education (DfE) does not consider exclusion to be an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform policy, *except* where they are persistent and defiant. Where a pupil repeatedly refuses to comply with school's uniform policy even if they do not otherwise display poor behaviour, we believe that the best course of action is to liaise with parents to resolve the problem.

Where a pupil is not adhering to school uniform policy, school staff will be considerate and discreetly try to establish the reasons. The school appreciates there may be good reasons why a pupil is not correctly attired. For example, their uniform may have been lost, stolen or damaged. If a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform because their parents/carers are in financial difficulties, the school will be sensitive to this. The school will give parents/carers time to purchase the required items. A pupil will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform.

## Jewellery

As a general rule, the school does not expect children to wear jewellery. A small number of exceptions are permitted:

- Only one single stud earring in each ear is allowed.
- No personal jewellery other than a wristwatch to be worn
- Medic alert bracelets and necklaces may be worn and need to be visible.

## School Uniform Specification

All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with a pupil's name and class.

<b>EYFS Pupils</b> Black jogging bottoms or trousers. Black skirt or pinafore. Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo. White polo shirt with school logo or plain. Blue & white check dress (summertime). Sensible black shoes Coat
<b>Compulsory Uniform – Winter</b>
Black trousers Black skirt or pinafore Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo White polo shirt with school logo/plain, Sensible black shoes Coat
<b>Summer Option for Uniform Can be worn after Easter holiday and until the end of September</b>
Blue gingham check summer dress with white socks or white polo shirt with black shorts Normal school jumper/cardigan can be worn on cooler days
<b>Physical Education</b>
Navy / Black shorts White logo PE t-shirt Tracksuits may be worn for outdoor games Pumps or trainers  <b>All of these items must have children's names clearly marked and be kept in a PE bag</b>

Parents can purchase all school uniform online at John McHugh website or in store.

**WE EXPECT PUPILS TO ADHERE TO THE SCHOOL UNIFORM, SO THAT A SMART APPEARANCE IS MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES**

## Bags

Pupils will be allowed to bring a bag to hold their homework books and reading books. PE kit bags and lunch boxes may be placed in these or carried separately. In all cases, the child's name and class should be clearly written on the outside. (small fashion bags are **not** acceptable).

## Notes regarding exemptions to uniform

- Pupils should have a doctor's note if they need to wear alternative footwear for the school, due to a medical condition or serious injury.
- Extremes of hair fashions and hair colour, make-up, piercings and eyebrow shavings are not appropriate.
- For any item of clothing, which does not conform to the school dress code, parents will be contacted in order to make arrangements to resolve the situation.

## Items of Value

The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the loss or theft of any such items. Items of value that are brought into the school remain the responsibility of the pupil at all times.

Pupils are discouraged from bringing large sums of money into the school. If pupils are paying for trips related to the school curriculum, specific details will be sent to parents regarding how safe and secure payments can be made.

## Medical Dispensations

The policy will meet the needs of individual pupils with temporary or permanent medical conditions. For example, pupils with some skin conditions may be unable to wear specific fabrics and pupils with foot or leg injuries may be unable to wear school shoes. An official medical certificate will be required for any pupil requiring long-term dispensation due to medical conditions.

## Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body will monitor and review this policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents and carers, to ensure that they agree with, and support the policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents and carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform; and
- Requiring the Headteacher to report to the Governors on the way the uniform policy is implemented.

The Headteacher will work with all staff to ensure this policy is fully implemented. The Headteacher will also monitor and review the development of this important policy and include details about it when making a report to the Governing Body on an annual basis.

<b>Executive Headteacher</b>	Simon Beswick	<b>Date:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Chair of Governing Body:</b>	Sue Smith	<b>Date:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September



