



# **School Uniform Policy**

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## **1 Introduction**

It is Brookside Primary School's policy that all children of compulsory school age wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an event organised by school outside normal school hours.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our Welcome Pack and on our website.

## **2 Aims and Objectives**

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
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

## **3 School Uniform**

Our school uniform can be purchased online via the link available on the school website. We regularly review our school uniform supplier to ensure value for money.

It is equally acceptable for parents to source school uniform from other vendors such as the major supermarket chains or alternative outside stockists.

Our uniform is as follows:

### **3.1 For Boys**

- Grey / Black trousers or shorts
- White polo t-shirt
- Royal Blue school sweatshirt/ cardigan (logo optional)

- Black shoes
- Wellington boots

### **3.2 For Girls**

- Grey / Black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers/ shorts
- White polo t-shirt
- Royal Blue school sweatshirt/ cardigan (logo optional)
- Blue and White gingham dress – summer
- Black shoes (shoe heels must be less than 1in/ 2.5cm)
- Wellington boots

### **3.3 PE Kit**

- White school t-shirt
- Royal Blue Shorts
- Pair of plimsolls / trainers
- Pair of socks if tights are worn
- Black/ navy blue jogging bottoms (cold weather)
- Hooded fleece (cold weather)
- PE kit should be in a draw string bag
- Wellington boots

Parents of children starting in the Foundation Unit will be given an opportunity to handle and buy school uniform during induction meetings.

## **4 Jewellery**

We do not allow children to wear jewellery in school on health and safety grounds.

The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. 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 to either themselves or others.

## **5 Inappropriate Hairstyles**

The school does not permit children to have inappropriate hairstyles or haircuts that serve as a distraction to the child or to other children. This includes dyed or coloured hair.

Any hair that falls into face, regardless of gender, must be tied back.

## **6 Footwear**

It is the aim of Brookside Primary School that our children to grow into healthy adults. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in Section 3 above.

We do not permit children to wear:

- Shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1in/ 2.5cm in height because we believe that these are dangerous
- Trainers to school (other than for PE) because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or leisure but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform

## **7 OPAL Play**

The school's OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) approach emphasises access to outdoor spaces throughout the year, in all types of weather. Parents are asked to ensure their children have appropriate clothing, including wellington boots which are part of our school uniform. Waterproof trousers are optional but encouraged. This support enables the school to maintain its commitment to providing rich play opportunities and embracing the outdoor environment across our entire school site.

## **8 Modifications to the School Uniform**

If any parent would like the to modify the school uniform, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

As per our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, Brookside Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example due to affordability or on religious

grounds, why Parents / Carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If Parents / Carers are unable to comply with the School Uniform Policy for any reason, then a note should be sent to the class teacher explaining why this is the case and when it is anticipated that the child will be back in full school uniform.

## **9 Pre-loved School Uniform Swap Shop**

A Pre-loved School Uniform Swap Shop is available in the school foyer so that it can be accessed by families at any time. We encourage families to swap or donate good quality, clean school clothing, thus extend the life of items that children quickly grow out of.

This serves to enhance Brookside's whole school ethos and positive eco-friendly culture of contributing to our community, recycling and re-using.

## **10 Roles and Responsibilities**

### **10.1 Parents / Carers**

We ask all Parents / Carers who send their children to Brookside Primary School to support the School Uniform Policy.

- We believe that Parents / Carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school attendance
- We ask that Parents / Carers ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair
- We would NOT discriminate against a child or family having financial difficulties in providing school uniform (A School Uniform Grant may be available to Parents / Carers who qualify – contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0844 980 8080)

### **10.2 Staff**

The staff:

- Will promote the wearing of correct uniform across the whole school

- Children not complying with school uniform policy will be asked why and the request will be made that this is corrected at the soonest opportunity
- Staff will contact parents if this proves difficult for the child to achieve

### **10.3 Governors**

The Governing Body will:

- Support the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy
- Consider, with the Headteacher, all representations from Parents / Carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to wearing of the school uniform
- Liaise with the Headteacher to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy meets all regulations with regard to equal opportunities
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical
- Ensure that the views of Parents / Carers are sought in order to ensure that they agree with and support the School Uniform Policy

## **11 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

At Brookside Primary School, we aim to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination within the learning environment because of their age; any disability they may have; their ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their religion or beliefs.

We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone because of 'differences'. We believe that all our children matter and we value their families too. We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures.

## **12 Policy Review**

This policy will be regularly reviewed by the Governing Body and updated in line with Policy Schedule set out by Equals Trust.