



UNIFORM POLICY

Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd... I know my sheep and my sheep know me.' John 10.14

Our school vision

We are inspired to be a vibrant, joyful community in which we know and love one another, leading together and growing together by:

- Appreciating everyone and everything around us
- Making one another feel safe
- Sharing, so no one feels left out
- Living well together in love
- Moving forward together in hope

Our vision for school uniform

We have a school uniform because we think it's better for the children's learning, safer and more practical, and an important way in which our vision for the school can be expressed. We believe that a simple uniform helps build a sense of community and belonging, and it also helps children understand that we're all trying hard to follow our shared values. It is important for us to keep the uniform list short and affordable so that no one is left out.

1. Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event either inside, or outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of items needed in our school prospectus.

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 child with the school;
- Prevents the children from coming to school in fashionable clothes or with a hairstyle 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 by most parents;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Decisions made on the school uniform are largely based on a questionnaire sent to all staff, parents and children in May 2014.

3. Jewellery and hairstyles

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery, nail varnish or make-up in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs or sleepers in pierced ears, watches, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during P.E., or cover them with a plaster (as appropriate), to prevent them from causing injury.

All long hair should be tied back during P.E. lessons. The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts, styles or accessories that could serve as a distraction to themselves and/or the other children. **For this reason children are not allowed to wear hair gel or hair spray to school or bring hair gel or hair spray into school.**

4. Footwear

The school wants children to grow into healthy adults. We believe it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, thin straps or are backless, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. **We also do not allow children to wear trainers during the school day as it is not healthy for their feet. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list (see appendix).** During break and lunchtimes Key Stage 1 and 2 children may wear trainers if they wish to, and should change back into school shoes at the end of the break time. The Foundation Stage may change their shoes at lunchtimes only.

5. Physical Education

On health and safety grounds we believe that it is important for children to change into the appropriate clothing and footwear for physical education, as follows:

Nursery

Appropriate clothing

Reception/KS1

Yellow Bayford school t-shirt

Black or navy shorts

Black plimsolls (Reception) Trainers (KS1)

In Winter/Spring: jogging pants and sweatshirts may be worn for outdoor P.E.

KS2

Yellow Bayford school t-shirt

Black or navy shorts

Trainers

In Winter/Spring: jogging pants and sweatshirts may be worn for outdoor P.E.

Swimming

Towel

Swimsuit, trunks or close-fitting swimming shorts

Hair band to tie back long hair

Goggles **only** if children have reached 'Deep Water' standard or above. If they are needed for a specific medical reason a doctor's certificate will be required.

Spray deodorant, talcum powder, hair spray and hair gel are *NOT* permitted.

ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM MUST BE LABELLED WITH EITHER NAMETAPES, OR INDELIBLE MARKER PEN.
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P.E. KIT MUST BE SENT IN A NAME-LABELLED DRAWSTRING BAG TO PUT INTO LOCKERS.

6. The role of parents

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

All items of uniform must be labelled with either nametapes, or indelible marker pen. P.E. kit must be sent in a name-labelled drawstring bag for hanging on a peg.

If a parent has any concerns about the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to any governor.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

7. The role of the governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

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

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8. Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its' School Improvement Committee work by:

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

Appendix

Please note that every child is expected to wear school uniform. Details of prices and sizes of the uniform are available from the school office, as are the following items: PE shirts, ties and book bags. Other items are generally available from the normal shops, large retail clothing outlets and www.schooltrends.co.uk (jumpers, PE shirts).

A royal blue Bayford School jumper or cardigan

A standard, white shirt with school tie

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress (not leggings or jogging pants)

Plain, white or grey socks or plain grey tights

Summer: A plain, white polo shirt with grey shorts or blue gingham dress can be worn in summer with no tie

Plain, black or dark-coloured shoes (no boots) with a heel height of no more than 3cm

Summer: sensible sandals may be worn

Children will require separate footwear for P.E. (and break time if they want to play football etc)

Children are not permitted to wear boots or trainers as part of their school uniform

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