

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Berkley First School



We are a small school, with big ideas, adopting a creative approach to ensure that every child is supported in order to flourish and thrive; to see and develop their true potential.

Everything is underpinned by our Christian values of which we are proud. We inspire young minds by living out these Christian values every day.

Our vision and ethos of the school is based on the sermon of the mount, Matthew 5:14-16; *"You are the light that gives light to the world. In the same way, let your light shine before others, live so that they may see your good works."*

We are children of the community and guided by Faith.

Introduction:

- All children are required to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event inside and outside normal school hours. This is Grey trousers, a school polo shirt and a school jumper. Grey school dress or skirt. The trousers and dresses are not branded.
- We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in the new starter packs.
- In the interests of quality and fair trading the School only supply Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, P.E tops and Book Bags. The rest of the uniform can be bought through many retail outlets.

Aims and objectives:

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

- Is practical and smart
- 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 by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.
- Is accessible to parents 24/7 via our online system. Parents can order through the Price and Buckland website <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/berkley>

Jewellery:

- On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, a watch and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove jewellery during PE and games.

Footwear:

- The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults therefore, we recommend shoes that provide comfort and are suitable for practical purposes. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. Children are required to wear a flat shoe and in the summer a sandal with a strap around the ankle.

P.E Clothes:

- We ask that parents leave P.E clothes in school all week and only take them home on a Friday or at the end of term to be washed.
- The PE kit required is black P.E joggers in the winter and black short in the summer, with daps or trainers. We require a black zip up tracksuit jacket, these can all from all high street retailers.
- In addition, we require a school PE top, which you can buy from the website.

The role of parents:

- We ask all parents who send their children to our school 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.
- If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head teacher. 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.

The role of Governors:

- The governing body supports the School in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head and Senior Teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that are hardwearing, safe and practical.

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