



Blackbrook School

Aspiration Fairness Kindness Responsibility Teamwork

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Revised School Uniform Policy

Dear Parents,

I am writing to share our updated school uniform policy with you, that will take effect from September. These updates are intended to provide clarity and ensure that our expectations are in-line with our school vision and values. **There are no significant changes to our policy**; however, we have introduced more flexibility with footwear with the aim of being more inclusive and practical.

From September, pupils will be permitted to wear trainers as part of their school uniform, provided they are entirely black. This change aims to offer more comfort and practicality while maintaining the smart appearance of our students.

From the beginning of the new term, we will be enforcing the uniform policy more strictly as we feel this supports our collective aspirations for the pupils, and sets them up well for their next school. We hope that by communicating these expectations clearly now, parents and carers can bear this in mind when uniform items may be purchased over the Summer period as children outgrow them.

A summary of our uniform expectations, and additional notes, is included overleaf. The full policy is also attached for your information. **From September, parents/carers will be requested to notify us about a temporary change to their child's uniform where this does not fall in line with the policy.**

If you would like to share any thoughts or comments for consideration, please email the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain high standards at our school. We know that this clarity is welcomed by many within our school community, including parents and staff. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Best Wishes,

Mr D. Seviour

Headteacher

Our School's Uniform

Items	Notes
Grey or Black Skirt	These must not be pencil style or tight-fitting. The hem must be around knee-length.
Grey or Black Trousers	These must be in traditional uniform style (tailored). Jogging/sports bottoms are not permitted. Black or grey ankle-length socks must be worn with trousers.
Grey or Black Pinafore	
Pale Blue Polo Shirt	School logo optional. White or other colours of polo shirt are not permitted.
Red Sweatshirt	School logo preferred, but optional.
Red Cardigan	School logo preferred, but optional.
Socks	Plain white, black or grey. Patterned socks are not permitted.
Tights	Plain white, black or grey.
Red and White Gingham Dress or Play Suit	During the summer months, in warmer weather.
Smart Shorts	These must be grey or black (tailored).
Footwear	Black, low-heeled sensible shoes. Open-toed sandals, boots and loose-fitting shoes are not permitted. Plain black trainers are permitted from September 2024.
Jewellery	Jewellery may not be worn for safety reasons, with the exception of small studs for pupils with pierced ears. Hoops or other forms are not permitted. Pupils are encouraged to not wear studs on PE days and <i>should</i> be able to remove these independently otherwise.
Hair	Should be smart in appearance. Bleached, coloured, patterned or extreme hairstyles are not allowed. Pupils with longer than shoulder-length hair are required to have this tied up whilst in school. Large bows are not permitted.
Watches	Ordinary or 'smart' watches may be worn, but must be removed for P.E. lessons for safety reasons. Smart watches with video-recording capabilities are not permitted. Smart watches should remain in 'school mode' if possible, and pupils are only permitted to use basic watch functionality whilst these are worn in school.
Make-up	Make-up, including coloured nail varnish, false nails etc. is not permitted. Save it for the disco / break the rules day (though pupils are expected to adhere to the uniform policy on the next school day).

Trainers Guidance

From September 2024, we are adapting the footwear expectations of our school uniform to become more inclusive, as well as for safety and practical reasons. We recognise that primary school involves a lot of active play, running around, and physical activities, and we want to ensure our pupils are both comfortable and safe during their school day.

However, to maintain a neat and cohesive appearance, we have established clear guidelines on the types of trainers that are acceptable. Details on these specific requirements are noted below. It is important that all trainers adhere to these guidelines to ensure consistency and to uphold the standards

of our school uniform. Traditional school shoes are still permitted and encouraged, particularly for older children to support their transition into secondary schools, where such footwear is required.

If worn, trainers must:

- be entirely black
- not have a white or coloured sole or decoration

Permitted - Examples	Not Permitted - Examples
 	 
 	 
 	

P.E. Kit

Items	Notes
Shorts / Skorts	Loose-fitting and plain black with no detailing, or traditional black shadow stripe. Plain black cycle shorts may be worn; however, they should extend closer to the knee than the upper thigh.
Tracksuit / Jogging Bottoms	Plain black with no detailing.
Red T-Shirt	School logo optional.
Red Hooded Jumper	Optional item. A <u>plain</u> hooded jumper may be worn instead, if desired. A branded red hooded jumper is available from the school uniform shop with the school logo. This <u>may not</u> be worn in place of a jumper or cardigan for day-to-day wear.