



Great Bedwyn C.E. School

School Uniform Policy

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INTRODUCTION

At Great Bedwyn C.E. School, we pride ourselves on being smart, well-presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or participating in school-organised events, helping to create a sense of belonging and community.

This policy sets out our expectations for school uniform and explains how we ensure it is inclusive, practical and affordable for all pupils. We want every child to wear a uniform that is smart, comfortable, suitable for learning and offers good value for money.

COST AND EQUALITY

The school is committed to meeting the Department for Education's recommendations on affordability and value for money. Every effort is made to ensure that our uniform is affordable for all current and prospective pupils. Non-branded items are widely available from supermarkets and other retailers. We ask that all children wear a sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.

The Equality Act 2010 protects individuals from discrimination based on protected characteristics, including sex, race, religion or belief, disability and gender reassignment. We are committed to ensuring that our uniform policy is inclusive and does not disadvantage any pupil.

Our school will:

- Give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in from the approved uniform list.
- Ensure that uniform costs are fair for all pupils.
- Allow pupils to wear their hair in a style that reflects their identity, culture or religion, including natural hair and protective hairstyles, provided it is appropriate for school.
- Only require hair to be tied back or secured where this is necessary for health and safety.
- Allow pupils to wear religious or cultural dress, head coverings and symbols where this can be done safely.
- Make reasonable adjustments to the uniform policy where required to meet a pupil's individual needs.

The school recognises that some pupils with SEND, or sensory needs may require adaptations to the standard uniform. Individual adjustments will be considered wherever possible to ensure pupils can participate fully in school life.

UNIFORM ASSISTANCE

A selection of good quality second-hand uniform is available through the PTA via the school website at a fraction of the cost of new items. Financial assistance is also available for families who may struggle with the cost of branded items. Parents and carers are encouraged to speak to the school in confidence if additional support is needed.

OUTDOOR LEARNING AND ADVERSE WEATHER

Children should bring a warm coat, hat and gloves during the winter months and a sunhat during the summer.

For Forest School sessions, children should wear appropriate outdoor clothing. This will usually include warm, waterproof clothing during colder months and a sunhat and suncream in warmer weather. Parents and carers will be informed of any additional clothing requirements before Forest School sessions.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Everyday Uniform

- White polo shirt with collar.
- School sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan with the school logo.
- Plain grey trousers, shorts, skirt, skort, culottes or pinafore dress.
- Plain grey, white or blue socks or tights.
- Smart black shoes suitable for running, jumping and climbing.
- Blue gingham summer dress or blue gingham short-suit.

PE Kit

- White school PE T-shirt with school logo or plain white T-shirt (polo shirts should not be worn for PE)
- School sweatshirt
- Plain navy sports shorts
- Plain navy joggers
- Sturdy sports trainers suitable for outdoor activities (no Converse-style footwear or trainers with flashing lights)

Forest Kit (all year)

- Long sleeved top
- Long blue jogging points or leggings
- Blue or black waterproof trousers

Other Equipment

- Refillable water bottle.
- School book bag (or books protected in a plastic folder if a book bag is not used).

- Wellington boots to remain in school throughout the term.
- PE bag. Reception children should also keep a spare set of school uniform, including socks and underwear, in their PE bag.
- Blue or black waterproof trousers

Large rucksacks are not required and can present a safety hazard in cloakrooms.

School uniform can be ordered through Monkhouse on our school website.

HAIR, JEWELLERY AND APPEARANCE

Hair should be clean, neat and suitable for school. Long hair should be tied back where necessary for health and safety, such as during PE, practical activities or when requested by staff.

Natural hair, protective hairstyles and styles that reflect a pupil's culture, religion or identity are welcomed.

For health and safety reasons, jewellery, make-up, nail varnish and temporary transfer tattoos should not be worn in school. Stud earrings and watches are permitted.

LABELLING AND LOST PROPERTY

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name.

Lost property is kept in the basket in the reception area. Unlabelled items are retained until the end of each half term. Unclaimed logoed items are added to the second-hand uniform stock, while non-logoed items are donated to charity.