



## **Bowburn Primary School School Uniform Policy**

### **Introduction**

It is our school policy that we encourage all children to wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event. More information can be obtained in the school prospectus and website.

### **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
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **School Uniform**

School uniform is a red jumper or cardigan, white polo-shirt, black or grey trousers, (or school shorts in summer) skirts or pinafores and black school shoes. Red and white gingham dresses can also be worn in the summer term. Red sweatshirts embroidered with the Primary school logo and a range of waterproof coats, fleeces, PE kits and book bags and other items may be ordered from Emblematic our school uniform providers online. A full list is available on request. The link can be found at:

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/bowj044>

We are unable to sell any uniform from school due to storage issues. Jumpers and cardigans can also be purchased from retailers. All articles of clothing **MUST** be marked with your child's name to ensure things don't get lost. We are sorry but the school cannot be held responsible for items of uniform which get lost or go missing.

School do have a pre-loved uniform boutique where good quality items of uniform can be purchased at a discounted price.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we **do not** allow children to wear jewellery in our school and this includes earrings and other body piercings. They must be removed at home prior to child attending school. Children who arrive at school wearing earrings will be asked to remove them. The taping or using plasters to cover earrings can create a perception of safety and is not permitted. Tape/plasters can often fall off and does not reduce the risk of compression injury. Children who

cannot take earrings out for a 6 week period cannot take part in PE activities or swimming sessions. We request children not to wear fashionable charity bands in school because these easily get lost and cause disruption in class, smart watches are also not permitted.

## **Footwear**

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We also encourage children to be independent and request that they come to school in shoes they can put on and fasten themselves. Children should not wear trainers to school because we think that they are more appropriate for sport or for leisurewear and are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

Children are expected to have a change of footwear for sport and PE, preferably plimsolls for indoor PE, and trainers for outdoor PE.

## **Religious/Cultural Clothing**

Pupils wearing clothing for religious/ cultural beliefs should ensure they are plain and a school colour if possible. Headwear should be of a one-piece construction (i.e., no pins required for fixing).

## **Cosmetics:**

We do not consider the use of cosmetics, make-up or nail varnish to be age appropriate and therefore are **not permitted** in Bowburn Primary School.

## **Hairstyles:**

Pupils are requested to have suitable hairstyles with natural coloured hair. Parents are asked to ensure children's hair styles are appropriate for school. Extremes of hairstyle including bright colours, tramline designs and shaved heads are strongly discouraged

Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back. This is particularly important in order to prevent the spread of head lice. Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours. Hair should be kept out of children's eyes using headbands, clips and slides; again, plain using school colours. Pupils are free to wear a headscarf or other hair coverings for religious reasons at school if they wish to. These must however be plain and in a school colour where possible. Headscarves of the type which drape to shoulder length or just below are acceptable. Longer headscarves are not permitted for safety reasons.

## **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

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. Please contact the headteacher, Mrs Maughan

### **The role of 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.

### **Monitoring and review**

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its 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.

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**Signed:**

**Date: February 2025**

**Review Date: February 2026**

