

School Uniform Policy

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Contact Officer:	Headteacher

We believe that a school uniform is beneficial to create a school identity and to help maintain high standards of appropriate dress.

<u>Equality</u>

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. On review of the current DfE uniform and 'cost of school uniforms' guidance, we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010. It does not prioritise or disadvantage any child and it helps to promote equality at this school.

We believe that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Makes all children feel equal to one another in terms of the way they look
- Creates a feeling of belonging
- Is practical and identifies the children with the school

Our school uniform is as follows:

- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo or plain
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or knee length skirt
- Black shoes with white or grey socks
- In the summer girls may wear blue or red gingham dresses.
- Tailored knee length black or grey shorts

<u>PE kits</u>

- White T-shirt
- Black or burgundy shorts
- White socks
- Trainers

School sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts and shorts bearing the school badge are available from Betta Embroidery. Children are also able to wear a plain sweatshirt of the same colour if preferred (these can be obtained from stores such as Matalan, Tesco and Asda).

Footwear

If under the direction of a doctor alternative footwear that does not follow school policy is recommended, the school will require medical confirmation.

Headscarves/Hijab

These may be worn for religious reasons but must be in school colours - navy blue, black or white.

<u>Hairstyles</u>

Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and not be a distraction, i.e no 'Mohicans' or bright coloured highlights. All long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back. Headbands, ribbons and bobbles should be plain, small and dark.

Jewellery (including watches)

We ask children not to wear any form of jewellery (rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, etc.) in school, for safety and security reasons. If a child has pierced ears, then small, plain sleepers or studs may be worn, but not larger loop-style or dangly earrings. A basic digital or analogue watch is permitted but 'smart 'watches are not allowed for safeguarding reasons.

Regulations strongly recommend that no jewellery is worn for physical education lessons because of the danger of injury to the wearer and/or other pupils in the class. This has been adopted by the Governing Body as school policy.

Children who normally wear earrings are asked not to wear them for school on days when they have physical education lessons. No child will be allowed to take part in physical education lessons wearing earrings. If earrings are unable to be removed, then microporous tape will be placed over them. Hair (if shoulder length or longer) should be tied up for safety reasons during PE lessons so please send your child to school with a couple of spare bobbles.

Make -up

Make up, nail varnish, false nails and eyelashes are not permitted.

Bags

There is no reason for children to bring larger bags into school. Children should bring a school book bag for their school work and a drawstring bag (logo optional) to store their PE kit in.

The role of parents/carers

We ask that parents who send their children to Beverley Minster CE VC Primary School support the school uniform policy.

If a parent/carer has any problems regarding school uniform or wishes to discuss any aspects of our policy, they are welcome to speak with the Head teacher or Assistant Head teacher at an agreed time.

If a pupil does not wear the correct uniform

Initially a text will be sent home and, if necessary, a phone call will be made for pupils who are not wearing school uniform consistently. For children who are deemed to be inappropriately dressed for school, children may be given a piece of uniform from our uniform bank to wear.

If a pupil forgets their PE kit, then they will be able to borrow an item from our school uniform bank. This is returned once the lesson is completed. If a pupil regularly forgets their PE kit, a message will be sent or a phone call home will be made by the child's class teacher.

Lost Property and Second Hand Uniform

The school does not routinely store lost property although cloakrooms can sometimes house unclaimed items. Each term, this collection is displayed and children are encouraged to claim their own items. If these items are not claimed at this time then they will be donated to the PTFA. If in good condition, suitable items will be offered to parents through the PTFA second hand store. The school cannot accept responsibility for misplaced clothing, but if clothing is clearly marked, will make every effort to see lost items are returned. Parents should reduce the risks by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with their child's name.