



School Uniform Policy

Rationale

At Brookwood Primary School, we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. We believe that wearing a school uniform fosters a sense of belonging to a community; bringing the children together and promoting a feeling of pride and equality.

Aims

At Brookwood Primary School, we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school and togetherness
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- Promotes the image of the school within the local area
- Is designed to be smart, practical and economical

All uniform items, of good quality and reasonably priced, are available from Valentino Schoolwear (Knaphill). Parents may seek exact alternatives from other suppliers if they wish for all items except the items of uniform with a school logo i.e. sweatshirts, cardigans, polo tops and PE T-shirt.

Expectations

At Brookwood Primary School we have high expectations for all our pupils and personal appearance is one of these. It is our policy that all pupils must have full school uniform, worn correctly, for daily attendance at school. Uniform may also be required to be worn on occasions when pupils are representing the school, whether this is in school hours or not.

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to the Headteacher or Pastoral Lead to discuss their issues. Parents/carers should be assured that Brookwood Primary School will do all we can to help.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform will be loaned an appropriate item from our spare uniform supply to wear for that day, if possible. The same applies to PE kit. Parents/carers will be contacted via letter, email or phone call and will be asked to provide correct uniform as soon as possible.

Brookwood Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why a parent/carer wants their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests. If a parent/carer would like to request an exception to the uniform policy, they should speak with the Headteacher.

Our uniform

- Plain mid grey straight legged school uniform trousers/skirt/pinafore dress/skort or tailored shorts. Skirts/pinafore dresses should lay just above or below the knee. Shorts/skort must be knee length
- Gold cotton/polyester short sleeved polo top, preferably embroidered with the school logo (please note that non logo polo tops must be gold not yellow). Children should have at least one polo top with a logo.
- Long sleeved emerald green cotton/polyester sweatshirt/cardigan with embroidered school logo
- Plain grey or black socks (not trainer socks). White socks may be worn with a summer dress
- Plain grey or black (winter weight) tights
- Plain grey, black or emerald green hijab. These should be elasticated so that they are safe when participating in PE
- Plain grey, black or emerald green hair accessories (no large bows or loose ribbons)

Additionally, in summer (April-September) children may wear:

- Green/white checked summer dress
- White socks

PE/Forest School

Children are required to arrive at school dressed in clothes and footwear for PE/Forest School on their allocated days

- Plain black sport shorts
- Emerald green short sleeved PE T-shirt with school logo
- Plain black tracksuit
- Trainers

When your child is participating in Forest School, they will need to bring in suitable clothing for this activity and a letter will be sent home beforehand.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels.

All children are required to wear **plain** black shoes. Trainers (unless PE), boots and sandals are not permitted to be worn. School shoes should be completely black with no logos or white/coloured soles.

Outerwear

- A sensible warm/waterproof coat. (You can purchase a Brookwood School coat from Valentino Schoolwear if you choose)
- Sensible hats and gloves may be worn as needed (outside). School logo baseball caps/wool beanie can be purchased from Valentino.

Bags

School logo book bags can be purchased from Valentino. Children can bring a rucksack (no handbags).

General Appearance

The school reserves the right to decide if a pupil is unsafely or unsuitably dressed.

- It is preferred that jewellery of any kind should not be worn. If you do choose for your child to wear jewellery, only small, plain gold or silver stud earrings may be worn by children with pierced ears. These must be removed independently by the child before PE lessons or other outdoor activities, to prevent them from causing injury. It is recommended that children only have their ears pierced at the beginning of the 6 weeks summer school break.
- Long hair (shoulder length and below) should be tied back at all times. Hair bands/ties should be small and discreet in school colours only (black, grey or emerald green). Hair accessories considered dangerous will not be permitted.
- A standard analogue or digital watch may be worn. Watches that are internet enabled, Bluetooth enabled or have the capacity for messaging, voice or image recording are not permitted under any circumstances. The school reserves the right to ask children wearing any watches of this category to remove them, and the watch will be stored securely by office staff until the end of the day when it should be collected by a parent or carer.
- Skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style that allows sitting comfortably on the floor. Shorts should be tailored and be of appropriate length, just above the knee.
- Children are not allowed to wear make-up, nail polish or false nails in school.
- Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.
- Any temporary tattoos or drawings on hands or skin should be removed before coming to school.
- If a child attends school with nail polish, extreme hairstyles, etc. then parents will be contacted and, if this continues, then parents will need to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Appendix 1: Uniform picture sheet

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