

Bordon Junior School

School Uniform Policy

It is the policy of Bordon Junior School that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

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 within the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Our uniform consists of:

- ✓ burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with school logo
(available for purchase from the school office)
- ✓ black trousers, skirt or shorts
- ✓ light blue polo shirt
(polo shirts with school logo are available for purchase from the school office)
- ✓ blue check summer dresses (may be worn during warmer weather)

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear items of fashion jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small ear-ring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and watches.

During PE and games, to avoid causing injury to themselves or others, children are asked to either remove these objects or cover them with a plaster (provided by the parent). Please refer to the school Policy for Changing for PE Activities for further information.

Footwear

We require all children to wear black shoes or black trainers. We believe it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults.

Fashion

As children are in school to learn we believe that fashion accessories are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion, make-up and nail polish should not be worn.

Hair Styles

Again for reasons of health, safety and inclusion extreme hair styles with excessive use of hair gel should not be worn in school. Long hair on both girls and boys, should be tied back neatly. This is not only for reasons of smartness and appearance but also for health and safety. It is not acceptable for either boys or girls to arrive at school with hair dye applied.

Facial Covering

Unless for reasons of a religious nature pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head teacher.

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.

Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Head teacher.

The role of governors

The governing body implements the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Head teacher 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 and is consistent with our Single Equality Scheme.

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 the policy and support it;
- considering, with the Head teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Head teacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

This policy is reviewed every 2 years by the Governing Body in line with the policy review schedule.

C James
Head Teacher