

Bierton CE Combined School and Nursery Uniform Policy



*'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven'
Matthew 5:16*

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Vision

In our Church school, our vision is to “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.”

Rationale

At Bierton we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available, at very competitive prices, at local shops including supermarkets. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is printed below.

Aims & Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school’s commitment to inclusion
- Prevents pupils from wearing ‘fashion clothes’ that could be distracting in class
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind
- Is considered to be good value for money

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents 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 has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

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 Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher and then the Governors.

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 Monitoring and Review opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

School Uniform List

- **Grey skirts / grey trousers or grey pinafore dress**
- **White shirt / White blouse / White Polo Shirt**
- **Bierton tie – clip on or elasticated – Years 1 -6 - purchased via ParentMail**
- **V-neck 'Bierton' jumper / cardigan – purchased via ParentMail**
- **Black low-heeled shoes (see diagram below)**
- **Coats or jackets should be plain**

(Jeans / leggings, sportswear, fashion items or trainers are not permitted as part of school uniform)

From Summer term children may wear:

- **Blue and white summer dresses**
- **Grey shorts / Grey Skirts**
- **Polo shirt**
- **Bierton tie – clip on or elasticated - purchased via ParentMail**

All children are required to have a PE uniform:

- **Black shorts / Black Leggings / Plain Black Tracksuit bottoms**
- **Trainers all year round and black plimsolls for indoor PE**
- **Blue 'Bierton' t-shirt - purchased via ParentMail**
- **Navy Blue 'Bierton' PE Hoodie - purchased via ParentMail**
- **Traditional style PE bag for storage - purchased via ParentMail**

All children in Year 4 will swim as part of their PE curriculum and as such will require for girls a one-piece swimming costume and trunks (not shorts) for the boys. Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office.

Forest School:

- **Black leggings/ tracksuit/ jogging bottoms**
- **School PE Hoodie**
- **School PE t-shirt**
- **Trainers**
- **Puddle suit/ waterproofs in a separate bag**
- **Pair of wellies (to remain in school)**

Jewellery, Hair, Make-up and Nail Varnish

Hair:

All hair, which is long enough, should be fully tied back using a blue or blue/white hairband, ribbon/bow or 'scrunchy' to match our uniform. Hair bands and bows should be of a reasonable size and not have large flowers or other decoration attached. 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.

Religious headwear:

Any religious headwear worn in school, such as hijabs, should be blue, white or black to match our school uniform.

Watches and Jewellery:

Pupils may wear a watch (with no sound effects, cameras or games) and may wear one pair of small, stud earrings which must be worn in the lower ear lobe. All studs must be removed for PE by the pupil or taken out at home. Studs earrings that cannot be removed by the pupil for PE lessons will be covered with a plaster or tape. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost. Please also note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. No other jewellery should be worn during the school day, except religious jewellery.

Make-Up:

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

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 without logos as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

NB This image relates to school shoes only; not PE trainers

Acceptable		Unacceptable	
			
			
			
			

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the school uniform policy is adhered to. Pupils who are not wearing correct uniform will be given a reminder in the first instance. If this is not corrected the following day then parents will be contacted. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the policy will result in an appropriate sanction.

There may be good reasons why a pupil is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the class teacher either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. In line with our Working Together Policy, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties. There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event or topic entry point activity day. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of the revised dress code on these days.

Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as equality, race relations and sex discrimination. Bierton CE Combined School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential. Minor adjustments to the standard school uniform are accepted for religious reasons but these should be discussed the Headteacher in the first instance.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in one of two lost property bins. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through one of these. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is put out for parents periodically throughout the term. At the end of every term, all unclaimed items of uniform will be disposed of.