




Blyton cum Laughton Church of England Primary School UNIFORM POLICY

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School Uniform Policy

The Governing Body have a statutory duty placed upon it to ensure that school policies promote good behaviour and discipline amongst the pupils. We believe that a smart school uniform worn by all children will promote a sense of purpose and discipline which is the foundation for both personal and academic development. Moreover, it contributes to a sense of community and belonging, central to our ethos, as all our children identify with each other and their school.

The policy was updated in September 2022 to take account of DfE guidance about the affordability of uniform.

Aims

The wearing of a uniform will create a sense of identity and pride in the school. The children will learn to take pride in their personal appearance. By insisting on correct uniform, the parents will be assured that their children are wearing clothes that are appropriate and safe for school life.

Guidelines

We expect the support of all parents/carers for our policy.

It is school policy to include all our children in every activity. Provision will be made for children who, for medical or religious reasons, find the uniform inappropriate, providing they do not pose a threat to security, safety and learning, or compromise the well-being of the school community. Parents must discuss the issue with the Headteacher.

Every effort will be made to help all our children keep to the uniform; pupils should not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents cannot provide them with the right school uniform.

Children are expected to wear a school jumper/cardigan with the school logo displayed. All other uniform items must follow the school colours but can be bought from a supplier of choice. Uniform expectations can be found on the school website: <https://www.blyton.lincs.sch.uk>

From September 2022, children are able to wear trainers or school shoes every day in school.

If a child arrives at school without the proper school uniform, the following procedure will be put in place:

1. The uniform policy will be explained to the child in an age-appropriate way and they will be asked to remove, if appropriate, any part that does not conform – this might include fleece jackets inside, non-uniform hoodies, oversized hair accessories or jewellery. The teacher will speak to the parent and refer to the Uniform Policy if there is a repeat.
2. If the uniform item cannot be removed in school, the pupil will be reminded of the policy and be advised that they must not wear the item in school. The teacher will speak to the parent at the end of the day and refer to the Uniform Policy.
3. If new uniform or footwear is needed to be able to conform to the policy, the teacher will advise the family to purchase the suitable items.

Named uniform

All items must be clearly named so that lost property can be quickly returned.

Makeup

No makeup or nail varnish is allowed in school. If a child arrives at school with makeup or nail varnish, they will be asked to remove it at the earliest convenience.

Jewellery & Body Art

No jewellery, except a watch and small earring studs, are allowed in school. It is a health and safety hazard on the playground and in PE lessons and can cause distress to the child if such jewellery is mislaid. If jewellery, other than a watch and earring studs are worn, the pupil will be asked to remove it and hand it to the teacher. It will be returned to the parent/carer at the end of the school day. This includes charitable wristbands, unless consent has been given by the school. Body art, in the form of temporary tattoos and transfers, are also unsuitable for school.

Outerwear

'Hoodies' (hooded tops) present a hazard in the playground and are not appropriate in school. The only exceptions to this are:

- a Year 6 Leavers' hoodie, ordered from school, which can be worn by Year 6 children in their final weeks of school.

Electronic devices

Mobile telephones, i-pods, communication watches or similar devices are not allowed in school. They are not covered on the school insurance and therefore, any family sending them in an overnight bag for a stay at a second home, do so at their own risk. The teacher should be made aware so that any device can be signed in at the office until the end of the day when it will be returned to the child.

Hair

Extreme haircuts, coloured hair, hair extensions and oversized hair fashion accessories are not appropriate for school. They may cause a hazard in the playground and a distraction in class. Pupils with long hair must have it tied or free from their faces during school.

Spare Clothes

It is recommended that all children in EYFS have a spare full set of clothes in their PE bag in case of accidents. This eliminates parents having to drop fresh clothes at school in the event of a toileting accident or water play. We have limited spare clothes in school in the event of an accident.

Recycled Uniform

Any unwanted items are collected and stored by the school. Once a term, there is an opportunity for parents to purchase this uniform at a nominal cost. All proceeds go back to school to purchase emergency-use uniform held in school. All members of staff are alert and sensitive to conversations with families who may be in need of more uniform and recycled uniform may be offered to families wherever needed.

PE Kit

A PE kit for each child should be available in school at all times. It is sent home at half-term to be washed and should be returned on the first day back to school. All items should be named and the kit should be held in a named PE kitbag (available from our uniform supplier). Should your child not have a PE kit in school, contact will be made with parents to bring it in before the lesson that day.

Non-Uniform Days

At times through the school year, we hold non-uniform days. On these days, the Uniform Policy is relaxed and pupils can come dressed in their own clothes. In the interests of health & safety, the policy does not change for wearing hoodies, heeled shoes or boots, hair extensions/oversized accessories or jewellery, make up and nail varnish or body art.

School Visits/Sporting Events

When the children are on a school visit or attending a sporting event, it may be appropriate to change the uniform requirements for that day. If this is the case, this will be communicated to parents.

EYFS

Children in EYFS (Olive Class) are expected to wear school uniform. Wellington boots and raincoats will be needed for outdoor learning and can be stored at school.