



Uniform Policy

Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils.

Our high standards are also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside of normal school hours.

The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Buckton Vale; parents agree to support our policy.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform with or without the school logo: jumper, polo shirts, PE Kit is all available from a variety of shops and supermarkets at a reasonable price.

The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if clothing is clearly marked, will make every effort to see lost items are returned. Please reduce the 'risks' by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name.

The school is committed to ensuring that school uniform is affordable and represents best value for money for families. In developing and reviewing this policy, the school has considered the statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms

Our school colours are green and white and our uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt, white shirt or blouse
- Green sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo on)
- Grey skirt, Pinafore dress
- Grey or black tights
- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey trousers or shorts

- Summer option: Green/White checked dress
- Suitable outdoor footwear (black flat shoes – not trainers)
- In winter, boots or wellies can be worn for the journey to school and suitable shoes must be brought to change into once inside

Examples of Acceptable School Shoes



Examples of shoes that are not permitted



We ask that pupils bring a suitable coat and a suitable bag.

PE Kit:

- Black T-shirt and black shorts
- Black or Grey Joggers/leggings for the Winter months
- Suitable footwear – Trainers
- Swimming: A one-piece swimming costume or trunks / 'short' swimming shorts (not baggy Bermuda type shorts).

Jewellery:

Earrings are permitted in school but must be small studs. For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons. We therefore advise that on days when your child has PE, they should not wear earrings or other jewellery to school. If your child is having their ears pierced for the first time, we recommend doing so at the beginning of the summer holidays. This allows sufficient time for the piercings to heal and reduces the risk of the holes closing during PE days.

Hair:

- Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable at school. This would include shaved patterns in the scalp, Mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes.
- All children are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough.
- Hair accessories such as bobbles, head bands and hair slides should be plain and in neutral or school uniform colours. Very large bows and brightly coloured hair accessories are not appropriate.

Make-up

It is not acceptable under any circumstances, including nail varnish and fake nails. Fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be removed without trace. A child coming to school with fake tattoos will be asked to remove them.

Second Hand Uniform

Parents/carers requiring support with school uniform, including access to second-hand uniform options, should contact the school office to discuss the help available.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body

The Headteacher:

- Implements and monitors the policy throughout the school community as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school;

- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained;
- Is responsible for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules;
- Issues letters to parents / carers as required.

The Governing Board:

- Should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise;
- Should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Role of the Staff

The staff will:

- Support the head teacher in maintaining high standards of uniform dress;
- Provide role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing and not wear tracksuits unless during a morning or afternoon session where Physical Education is being taught;
- No denim to be worn;
- Make discreet and sympathetic enquiries when children fail to wear school uniform;
- Give positive encouragement to children setting good examples of dress.

Role of the Parents / Carers

The Parents will:

- Support the School Uniform Policy;
- Ensure children come properly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork every day;
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named – this helps lost items be easily identified and returned;
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school complaints procedure.

Role of the Children

The Children will:

- Wear the school uniform when attending school, representing the school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours;

- Wear the school uniform with pride;
- Try to keep their uniform clean and tidy;
- Remember that the children come into school in PE uniform on PE days.

Inclusion

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals.

Buckton Vale 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.

Non-compliance with the School Uniform Policy

If a child breaches the uniform policy, the teaching team will discreetly talk to them to find out why they are not in uniform and to remind them of the need to wear one. If this does not have any effect the teacher will talk to the parent directly. The next stage will be a referral to the headteacher who will write a letter, notifying them of this breach.

Collective praise for wearing uniform as well as reminders of the need to do so will also be given to classes within assemblies.

The Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher may feel the need to contact parents / carers to bring some suitable uniform to school immediately. As an alternative to this, a supply of spare uniform will be kept in school and children may be asked to change into this.

We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school uniform (lost or damaged) then we ask parents to contact us on the day to confirm the reason.

Persistent non-compliance:

The Head teacher may contact the parent directly to discuss this matter. Continued non observance of the policy will result in a formal letter.

Exclusion is not normally an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform / appearance policies. However, where these breaches are persistent and in open defiance of the school's uniform or appearance policy, and where all other avenues have been exhausted, then the school may consider exclusion as a last resort depending on the circumstances of the case.

Buckton Vale expects all pupils and parents to conform to this policy, but in the event of persistent breaches, we will work closely with the parents / carers to resolve the situation.

The School Uniform Policy has been developed by the Governing Body, Parents, Staff and School Council.

This Policy will be reviewed annually.