Bushfield Road Infant School Uniform Policy

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Aims

This policy explains:

- our expectations for school uniform;
- how we aim to keep uniform affordable and good value;
- how we will apply the policy fairly and make reasonable adaptations where needed.

Our uniform

Pupils may wear:

- grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shorts;
- a red sweatshirt or cardigan;
- a white polo shirt, shirt or blouse;
- a red and white gingham summer dress.

The uniform should be practical and comfortable for an infant school day. Pupils may choose from the listed options; the policy does not assign items by sex.

PE kit

For PE, pupils should bring:

- black shorts or joggers/leggings;
- a white T-shirt or polo shirt;
- plimsolls or trainers.

A change of clothes and footwear is needed for health and hygiene. Pupils should not wear jewellery for PE, except for stud earrings. Earrings should be removed on PE days.

Where to buy uniform

Branded Bushfield Road Infant School uniform is sold through Uniform Direct. Parents and carers can view and order items from the school's Uniform Direct page:

https://www.uniform-direct.com/acatalog/Bushfield-Road-Infant-School.html

The page currently lists branded red sweatshirts, cardigans and white polo shirts, as well as other uniform and PE items. Products and prices may change, so please check the supplier's page for current details.

Non-branded uniform in the colours and styles set out in this policy may be bought from other retailers. Branded items are not required where a suitable plain alternative is allowed by this policy.

Good-quality pre-loved uniform is available free of charge through the school office. Please speak to the school administrator.

Keeping uniform affordable

We aim to make uniform affordable and good value for families. We will:

- keep compulsory branded items to a minimum and never require more than three different branded items across school uniform and PE kit in a school year;
- allow suitable generic alternatives, as set out above;
- make pre-loved uniform freely available and explain how families can access it;
- avoid unnecessary changes to uniform requirements;
- consider cost, durability and value for money when reviewing the policy.

If the cost of uniform or PE kit is a concern, please contact the Headteacher. We will discuss support sensitively. A pupil should not miss school because they do not have the correct uniform or PE kit.

Equality, inclusion and adaptations

We will apply this policy in line with our duties under the Equality Act 2010. We will:

- allow pupils to wear uniform items in which they feel comfortable;
- allow religious and cultural dress, including headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols;
- consider requests to adapt the policy because of a pupil's protected characteristic, health, disability, sensory needs or other individual circumstances.

Please contact the Headteacher to discuss a request. We will consider each request carefully and respond in a timely way.

Expectations and supporting families

We ask parents and carers to ensure that uniform is clean, labelled and in suitable condition where possible. We recognise that families may sometimes face difficulties with uniform or PE kit.

Staff will approach any concern discreetly and supportively. If a pupil does not have an item, staff will speak with the family and consider what support or temporary arrangements are appropriate. We will not make a pupil feel embarrassed or exclude them from learning because of uniform.

Responsibilities

Pupils are encouraged to wear the school uniform and take care of their belongings.

Parents and carers should contact the school if they need help with uniform, want to discuss an adaptation or wish to raise a concern.

Staff will apply the policy consistently and sensitively, and refer concerns about uniform-related hardship to the Headteacher.

The governing board will review the policy to ensure it remains affordable, inclusive, practical and appropriate for the school.

Review

The governing board will review this policy every two years, or sooner if requirements change. The current policy will be published on the school website and made available to parents and carers.

Sources

- Department for Education, *Cost of school uniforms* (statutory guidance).
- Department for Education, *Developing school uniform policy*. (gov.uk)