

Beech Hill School Uniform Policy



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1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. Beech Hill School uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt with embroidered school logo and name
- Dark green jumper/cardigan with embroidered school logo and name,
- Grey school trousers/shorts/skirt
- Grey or green dress
- Black shoes and plain coloured socks (black, grey or white)
- PE kit – white t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps

Clothing with the school logo is optional but preferred

2 Aims and Objectives

Our policy for 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.
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. Nor do we encourage the wearing of branded trainers to school.

This type of footwear is damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports, PE or leisurewear (playtimes). Nor is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

4 Hair

Hairstyles must be sensible and appropriate for school; extreme haircuts are not acceptable. Shaven heads or any haircut which involves the shaving of lines or symbols, Mohicans, extreme colouration or particularly noticeable variations in colour or length will almost certainly be judged as extreme by the school.

5 Uniform Rules

School uniform must be named.

Children may wear:

Sensible inexpensive wristwatches, but they should be marked with the owner's name. The pupil must be responsible for their watch as the school is not responsible for damage to or loss of personal property.

Hair bands and scrunchies in school colours, but children should be discouraged from wearing fancy hair bands as some designs could cause injury.

Children should NOT wear:

- Jewellery except plain gold/silver stud earrings (these must be removed for sports activities or must be covered with a plaster or micro pore which should be brought from home), except where it is for medical or religious reasons.
- Make-up, including nail varnish.
- Trainers, except for sports activities.
- Sports branded clothing during the normal school day.
- High-heeled shoes on Health and Safety grounds.
- If, in the winter, boots are worn to school, then a pair of school shoes must be brought to school for the child to change in to.
- Hats, scarves, sunglasses during lessons, except for religious or medical reasons.

6 Purchasing School Uniform

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, book bags and PE bags can be purchased from the local shop Ziggy's School wear.

7 The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

Where a parent is temporarily unable to send their child to school in the appropriate uniform, permission must be sought from the Head Teacher, who must agree that the reasons are valid. All items must be named.

8 The Role of Governors

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all the regulations concerning equal opportunities. The Governors will consider, with the Head Teacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

9 Policy Review

The Policy statement will be reviewed in line with the rolling programme of Policy reviewed; October 2020.