

# Bushey Heath Primary School

## Uniform Policy

A vibrant school inspiring children to realise their potential

Bushey Heath Primary School expects all pupils to wear a school uniform.

This uniform is in place because:

- Children wearing the same uniform will encourage a strong sense of identity and belonging within the 'family' of the school.
- The uniform sets an appropriate tone and readiness for learning.
- Children are easily recognisable and so are safer when travelling to and from school and attending school trips.

We are proud to wear our school colours of grey and maroon. All uniform and accessories can be purchased from DJ Uniforms however **all items apart from the school tie can be purchased elsewhere** – please do adhere to the school colours and requirements as per below.

### Girls - Winter

- White shirt
- School tie (branded)
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Maroon or grey cardigan
- Grey socks or grey woollen tights
- Black school shoes
- Maroon, grey or black hair bands/ ties \*

### Boys - Winter

- White shirt
- School tie (branded)
- Grey trousers
- Maroon or grey jumper
- Grey socks
- Black school shoes

### Girls - Summer

- Pink checked or striped summer dress or
- Plain white polo shirt and grey skirt (**all skirts/ dresses should be knee length**) grey trousers or shorts
- Maroon or grey cardigan
- White socks
- Black school shoes
- Maroon, grey or black hair bands/ ties\*

### Boys - Summer

- Plain white polo shirt
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Maroon or grey jumper
- Grey socks
- Black school shoes

### PE Kit for Reception to Year 6

- This will remain at school and be sent home for washing at half term.

- Black shorts (dark black/ grey/ blue tracksuit for outdoor Winter sessions).
- T-shirt in child's house colour (Mars - red, Jupiter - yellow, Neptune - blue, Saturn – green).
- Black plimsolls/ trainers.

### **Nursery Uniform**

- Black tracksuit bottoms/ leggings.
- White polo shirt.
- Maroon/ grey jumper.
- Sensible footwear the children can take off and on by themselves (sandals and crocs are not permitted).

### **Items marked with an \* are optional the remaining items are all required.**

- Religious items of clothing, the school will look favourably on any items of clothing that need to be worn in connection to religious practices and observances. Such items may include a hijab or a turban, for example. Jewellery, hair and accessories.
- All clothes and accessories should be clean, good condition and clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Regular uniform checks are conducted and the children are expected to be neat and tidy at all times.
- Make-up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not allowed.
- All hair that touches the collar or below should be tied back at all times with a maroon, grey or black hair band/ tie, no large bows.
- Sun hats should be provided for the summer.
- Jewellery should not be worn to school. For those with pierced ears only studs maybe worn and covered during PE with tape.
- Watches may be worn but, as with other personal items, the school/ staff cannot accept responsibility for them. Please note that 'Smart' watches are not allowed.
- Year 3 through to Year 6 can use their own bags rather than a book bag; all bags should only have one keyring hanging from it.
- Bushey Heath Primary School also have preloved uniforms available to purchase organised by The Friends of the School. Please speak to the school office for further details.

### **Limiting the cost of school uniform**

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/ colour/ design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost.
- Provides the best value for money for parents/ carers.

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary.
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible.
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/ or long-lasting items, such as ties.
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes.
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups.

- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities.
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels.
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire preloved uniform items.
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes.
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.

### Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean.
- Clearly labelled with the child's name.
- In good condition.

Parents are also expected to contact the Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics.
- The cost of the uniform.

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally.
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy.

### Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context.
- Is implemented fairly across the school.
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils.
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils.

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every five years.

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