

BARDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND & METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

As a caring Church School, we are committed to the Christian values that develop a distinctive ethos underpinning the way in which we carry out our work and the way in which our children learn. We wholeheartedly adopt the “Every Child Matters” agenda and believe that we can inspire all members of our school community to achieve their full potential.

At our school we aim to:

- Develop Christian values and principles.
- Help all members of our school community in achieving to their potential.
- Enable each child to develop an enquiring mind with the ability to question and discuss, so that they become independent, life-long learners.
- Provide an environment which is dedicated to promoting high standards of achievement for all and a love of learning which will be life-long and achieved within a Christian context

Introduction

It is this school's policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours unless advised otherwise. This policy was informed by the following UK Government website: www.gov.uk/school-uniform .

Aims and Objectives

This policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents/carers;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform

This school's uniform consists of:

- Navy blue logoed sweatshirt or cardigan;
- White polo shirt, shirt or blouse;
- Black or grey trousers or shorts,
- Black or grey skirt or pinafore dress or blue checked summer dress;
- Plain white, grey or black socks or tights
- Sensible, safe black shoes, without a heel.

PE Kit

This school's PE Kit consists of:

- Logoed coloured PE T-Shirt (in the child's house colour);
- Black shorts;
- Plimsolls or trainers;
- Track suit during winter months;

Footwear

This school believes that it is dangerous for children to wear platform or high heels in school, so we do not allow these to be worn for the health and safety of our pupils. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; trainers are appropriate for sports or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear sensible, safe, flat shoes in school.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are stud ear-rings in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming.

Please note: staff do not put ear studs etc. back in if the child cannot manage it themselves.

Extreme haircuts

This school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

The role of parents/carers

We ask all parents/carers, who send their children to this school, to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents/carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent/carer would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents/carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher.

The role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding this policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our Equal Opportunities Policy.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps our pupils to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe, practical and appropriate.

Implementation

The Governing Body delegates the day-to-day implementation of this policy to the Headteacher.

Should children arrive at school wearing clothing other than the expected school uniform, as laid out above, the Headteacher will:

- Provide the pupil with uniform, which the pupil is expected to wear until the end of that particular school day;
- On the first occasion, the pupil and his/her parent/carer will receive a verbal warning regarding the need to wear the required uniform;
- On subsequent occasions the pupil and his/her parent/carer will receive a written warning regarding the need to wear the required uniform;
- If the uniform policy is repeatedly ignored, parents/carers should be aware that the Headteacher has the power to discipline pupils, including through fixed-term and permanent exclusion, as laid out at www.gov.uk/school-uniform

Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, the Governing Body will:

- Seek the views of parents/carers, to ensure that they agree with the policy and support it;
- Consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- Require the Headteacher to report to Governors on the way that this policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

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