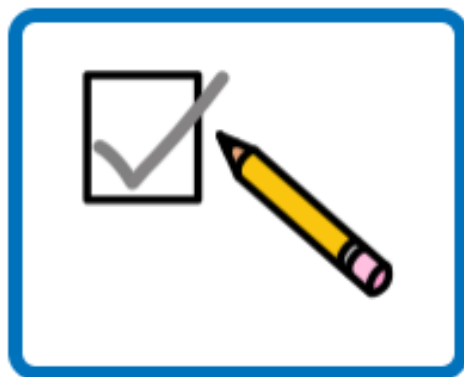




**LITTLE BOWDEN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **Starting school ... what does my child need?**



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## Uniform

All children should wear:

- A grey skirt / shorts / trousers / pinafore dress.
- A white or royal blue polo T-shirt, either plain or with the school logo.
- A royal blue school jumper or cardigan with the logo.
- White, black or grey socks / tights.
- Sensible, black shoes (no heels); velcro shoes are better than laces, in Reception at least.
- A blue gingham dress is also an option for the summer.

Please see some examples of uniform items on the next page.

You can buy these items on Price and Buckland ([www.price-buckland.co.uk](http://www.price-buckland.co.uk)) or MyClothing ([www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)), or you can buy plain polo shirts / jumpers / cardigans and purchase some iron-on badges from the school office (these are £1.50 each or 4 for £5.00).

Your child does not need to have a logoed polo shirt, but we do ask that the top layer (jumper or cardigan) has the school logo on.

Our Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) often hold sales of good quality, pre-loved uniform and PE kit items.



## PE Kit

For PE the children need:

- Black or blue shorts, or jogging bottoms / leggings. These should be plain without any branding or patterns.
- A white T shirt, either plain or with the school logo, OR you can buy a logoed coloured T shirt (from Price and Buckland) depending on your child's house colour: Beaumont = blue; Huntingdon = red; Griffin = green; Latimer = yellow. Coloured T shirts are optional, but if your child has one, they can wear it for all PE sessions. If you decide not to purchase a logoed T shirt, your child should just wear a plain white T shirt for PE.
- A black, royal blue, or grey hoody/sweatshirt for outdoor PE. As above, hoodies or sweatshirts should be plain with no logos, patterns or branding (unless it is the school logo). You can purchase a PE hoody (with the school logo on) directly from school if you want to - we don't have a stock of these, but we take orders at the start of each term. These are usually around £12-£15 each. They are not compulsory, but they are quite popular with the children.
- Trainers (these do not need to be a specific colour). Velcro, rather than laces, is much better for Reception children.

On PE days the children should come to school in PE kit and trainers, and they don't need to get changed back into their uniform. Once timetables have been sorted out for PE, your child's teacher will let you know which days are "PE days" for Reception. Examples of PE items are shown on the next page.



## Other equipment

All children will also need:

- A book bag or rucksack; our Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) purchases school bags for all the new children and these will be available to collect from school shortly, so you do not need to buy a bag.
- A water bottle.
- A coat - the children play outside a lot, and sometimes have walks in the park etc, so we suggest having a coat every day, but no specific colour is required.
- A sun hat for hot weather, or a warm hat and gloves for cold weather.
- Lots of name labels or stickers.
- A drawstring bag with a change of clothes and spare shoes. This is in case of any accidents or spillages etc and it can be kept in school on your child's peg.
- Children having packed lunches will need a lunch box / bag. Children are provided with free fruit at morning break time, but children also bring in a morning snack from home if they want to (this must be fruit / veg only), so you might need a couple of little snack pots.

Please note that, due to allergies, we are a **NUT AND SEED FREE** school. This includes all nuts and sesame seeds.

Your child does not need to bring the following to school:

- A pencil case or stationery.
- A PE bag (as they come to school wearing PE kit and don't need to get changed).
- Swimming kit; the children do not have swimming lessons at school until they reach year 4.

### Please also note ...

We ask that children *do not bring any toys or other items from home* into school, unless the class is having Show & Tell etc, in which case you will be notified by the class teacher.

Children *should not wear nail varnish, or any jewellery at school*. We do allow small stud earrings, but these should not be worn on PE days (if they cannot be removed, we will need to apply protective tape).

Please make sure that *long hair is tied back*.

As noted above, we are a *nut and seed free school*. Please do not send your child into school with any nut or seed snacks, or any nut or seed items in their lunchboxes. This includes peanuts (and peanut butter), walnuts, hazelnuts, Brazil nuts, pecans, cashews, pistachios and sesame seeds.

Please don't forget to *label everything with your child's name*. This includes lunchboxes, water bottles, sun hats, woolly hats etc, as well as all items of clothing and your child's coat.

**Thank you!**

**Notes...**