



# **Little Bowden School Uniform Policy**

## **Principles**

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

We provide a **complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in these guidelines and in** our school prospectus.

## **Aims**

Our policy for children's school uniform 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
- designed with health and safety in mind.

Our colours are royal blue, grey/black and white and the uniform is as follows:

## **Boys**

- School royal blue sweatshirt with school logo
- School white / royal blue polo shirt with school logo
- Grey/black trousers or grey/black shorts
- Black school shoes

## **Girls**

- School royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan with school logo
- School white/royal blue polo shirt with school logo
- Grey/black skirt, grey/black trousers or grey pinafore dress
- Royal blue gingham dresses may be worn in the summer term
- Sensible, low heeled black school shoes



### **For PE all children need**

- School white t-shirt with school logo
- School black/blue PE shorts
- A pair of trainers and a tracksuit for outdoor P.E.

### **Optional items**

- School royal blue book bag with school logo
- School royal blue PE bag

### **Jewellery, head coverings, make up and nail varnish**

- On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery at all for PE.
- Studs and a watch can be worn during the normal school day.
- Nail varnish and make up are not permitted.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Children are not permitted to wear caps, hats, headbands with extra adornments on or scarves during lessons however these may be worn at break and lunchtime. Head coverings for religious purposes are allowed.

**All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name.**

### **Pupil non-compliance**

As a matter of course spot checks will take place and teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's code of conduct on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.

A head teacher, or a person authorised by the head teacher, may ask a parent to take their child home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform.

When making this decision schools need to consider the ease and time it will take, and the availability of the child's parents. This is **not** an exclusion but an authorised absence.

However, if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence.

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