



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



School Uniform Policy

Date Approved	Next Review	Responsible Person
Feb 2025	Feb 2028	C. Holgate

Pupil Uniform and Appearance Policy

Aims Through this policy we aim to:

Ensure that within our school we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The schools concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and feeling of belonging it creates.

There are many positive reasons for a school dress code, including:

- Dress codes create a sense of school pride and belonging

- A dress code encourages students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward appearances
- Dress codes can be less expensive
- Dress codes eliminate pressure to wear brand name clothing
- It is designed with health and safety in mind
- It prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- A dress code makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;

Uniform

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we encourage all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of;

- Purple Sweatshirt or cardigan
- White Shirt or Polo Shirt
- Grey or black trousers – no jeans or track suit bottoms.
- Grey or black skirt
- Grey or black pinafore
- Black, flat sensible, safe, shoes (please see separate section in the policy)
- Black, white or grey socks, tights or leggings
- Headscarves or other hair coverings may be worn for religious or health reasons but must be black in colour and design, without embellishments. They must be one-piece, no longer than shoulder length and close fitting without pins or fasteners. For Health and Safety reasons they must be removed during PE lessons.
- Children need to have a pair of wellington boots (wellies) which remain at school.

Summer Options

- Grey or Black shorts
- Gingham dresses – purple (white socks or leggings are acceptable for summer uniform)
- Plain white hijab, but we must insist that it is only shoulder length and fastens with a press stud. This is for health and safety reasons.
- Any cap to protect from the sun

PE Kit (stored in a named PE Kit bag please). Pupils must have their PE kit in school at all times.

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts or close-fitting leggings
- Trainers for outdoor games only
- Plimsolls (pumps) for indoor PE – this is for health and safety reasons
- For outdoor PE a tracksuit or warm sportswear may be worn.

Swimming Kit

- Trunks or one-piece swimming costume
- Towel

Footwear - Pupils should wear smart and sensible black school shoes only

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is a Health and Safety risk for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, and children are not permitted to wear these in school. Neither do we allow the wearing of trainers or canvas pumps to school. This type of footwear can be damaging, in the long term, to growing feet and is only appropriate for sports and PE. Neither is it in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. Sandals are not allowed for Health and Safety reasons. Boots are only permitted in the winter season. Only flat, plain, black boots without any adornments are permitted. If children come into school with inappropriate footwear, they will be asked to change into PE pumps for the remainder of the school day. Children may bring a pair of trainers to change into for lunchtime break if they wish.

Hairstyles

Hairstyles must be sensible and appropriate for school; extreme haircuts are not acceptable.

- Tram lines or patterns are not allowed.
- Extreme colouration or particularly noticeable variations in colour or length are not allowed.
- Long hair (longer than shoulder length) must be tied back.
- Hair extensions or hair wraps are not allowed.
- Hair accessories must be small and in Barden uniform colours.

The definition of an extreme hairstyle is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted in school (including earrings – please see below). Plain watches may be worn. Wearable technology to track movement/sport (for example a FitBit), are acceptable but must be set to silent mode, so as not to disturb the learners/lessons. Watches connected to phones are not acceptable and must not be worn.

Earrings – Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school under any circumstance. This also includes the wearing of plastic or wooden earring retainers. Children will be asked to remove earrings if they arrive in school wearing them. If they are unable to remove them, parents will be called to school to assist.

Make-Up

No make-up or nail varnish should be worn.

Equipment

- Pencil cases and other stationary equipment are not required in school as the school provides all the resources/equipment that children may need.
- No knives or sharp blades should be brought into the school in any circumstances
- Mobile phones should not be brought into school without the permission of the Head teacher. If they are brought into school, they must be handed in to the class teacher upon arrival.
- No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose.
- Pupils should bring their bookbag into school every day.
- Other bags (for example, rucksacks) are not permitted in school as they are not necessary.

Barden Share and Care

Barden Primary School has established 'Barden Share and Care' and we hold regular events where parents can obtain pre-loved clothing and uniform free of charge. We encourage parents to donate uniform items which are no longer needed. All items should be clean and in good repair. This is both environmentally friendly and helps reduce the cost of purchasing new uniforms.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy

If a pupil breaches the Uniform Policy parents will be notified. In these situations parents will be expected to rectify the situation for the following day.

Exclusion may be considered where breaches of the Uniform/Appearance Policy are 'persistent and/or defiant'. The Headteacher, or another member of staff with delegated authority, may ask a pupil to go home to remedy a breach of the school's rules on uniform or appearance. In such a case, parents will be notified to collect their child and any absence associated with this will be recorded as 'authorised'.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in February 2028