



BUSBRIDGE CE (Aided) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Uniform Policy



This policy was last reviewed by the Governing Body (FGB) in Summer 2025

It will be reviewed annually. Next review date: Spring 2026

Our School Vision Statement

To be a school that reflects the love of Christ: **cherishing** each other as unique individuals and **challenging** all to achieve and succeed.

Aims and Objectives:

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

Ensuring uniform is affordable

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 and 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 items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, 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 leveller
- 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 second-hand 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

Our School Uniform

- Royal blue pullover or cardigan with the school logo on.
- Mid grey trousers, shorts, skirt or tunic
- Pale blue and white check dress (Summer term)
- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain grey, white or black socks or navy/grey/black tights
- Sensible and smart brown or black footwear (not trainers or boots)

PE kit

- Navy blue shorts or skirt
- Royal blue t-shirt with the school logo on
- Trainers
- School PE sweatshirt with logo
- Plain navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings. These should be plain navy or black with no logos or branding.

Y6 Leavers Hoodies

- We place the order for Y6 Leavers Hoodies when children are in Y5. The school can fund the full or part payment for a Hoodie for a child, as required.
- We allow the children to wear their Leavers Hoodie throughout their time in Y6, on every day.
- Hoodies are optional; children can continue to wear a Navy Blue BJS school PE jumper for PE in Year 6 should they wish to.
- The children are able to select from a given range of colours which reflect our school uniform colours.

School Uniform and Climate Change

We are aware from our school carbon footprint survey that school uniform is a major source of CO2 emissions related to our school. Therefore we encourage recycling and re-use of used / pre-loved BJS items of school uniform (see below).

Where to purchase our uniform.

Our branded uniform is supplied by Valentin's School wear.

<https://www.valentinoschoolwear.com/>

We ask parents to ensure that **all items of school uniform and equipment are clearly labelled with the child's name**. The PTA have an account with a name label company, Stikins, and earn commission if parents choose this name label provider. Alternatives, such as handwriting a child's name in with a permanent pen, are also an option.

The Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School run a second hand uniform service. Parents can 2ndhanduniform@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk to make enquiries. The PTA tries to provide opportunities throughout the year to buy uniform in person.

Jewellery

All earrings and piercings should be taken out prior to PE lessons and other sporting events (e.g. Sports Day). If a child has new piercings and cannot take them out during the healing stage (usually 6 weeks) the child will be able to take part in sporting activities if the earring front and back is covered with a plaster. Plasters should be put on at home, and the child can wear plasters all day at school. Our school staff will not supply plasters or apply plasters.

To avoid extra hassle with plasters and PE, the school strongly recommends that children still have their ears pierced over the school summer holidays. If a child has earring piercings that have healed, the expectation is that the child either comes to school on PE days without their earrings, or they take them out themselves prior to PE. We would not expect plasters to be used in this instance.

Watches can be worn but must be named as they are also removed for PE. Fitness trackers may be worn as long as any internet capability is disabled prior to them being brought to school. There may be occasions where staff ask children to remove these for safety reasons. School cannot accept any liability for the loss of or damage to these watches. Children are strictly forbidden from using any photo or video functions on these devices whilst at school. Therefore, smart watches such as Apple watches are not to be worn by children in school.

Nail Varnish/ Make up

It is our school policy that make up or nail varnish should not be worn during the school day and should be removed before coming to school if worn for a special occasion outside of school.

Hair

Long hair should be tied back at all times during the school day. Long hair is defined as hair that is long enough to be tied back.

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

There may be 'non-uniform' days as part of the school week. Parents will be informed prior to any non-uniform days.

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 a member of the School's Leadership Team 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 and dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy. The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform, including footwear. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve. Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it is appropriate for our school's context and is implemented fairly across the school.

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money.

Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour & Discipline policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy