

**Brinscall St Johns  
CE/Methodist Primary School**



**Uniform Policy**

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### **School Vision**

**Shine with the light of Jesus** – Matthew 5:14-16. You are the light of the world.

Within our school family, everyone is valued and encouraged to flourish. We encourage everyone to let their light shine in all aspects of their life, following the example of Jesus Christ.

We hope for each member of our school family to understand how much they are loved by Jesus, so we can each flourish, and shine His light out into the world around us by the way that we live.

### **Introduction**

At Brinscall St John's we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

We have used the DfE published statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms, issued under the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021, alongside the non-statutory guidance on school uniforms (updated in April 2024), and given due consideration to our obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010, during the development and implementation of this policy:

*'We strongly encourage schools to have a uniform as it can play a key role in: promoting the ethos of the school; providing a sense of belonging and identity and sets an appropriate tone for education. By creating a common identity amongst our all pupils, regardless of background, a social uniform can act as a social leveler. It can reduce bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other expensive clothes.*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-schooluniforms>).

### **Aims and objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies pupils with the school;
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion;
- Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind;
- Is considered to be good value for money.

### **School Uniform List**

Our school uniform Consists of:

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan;\*

- Pale blue polo t-shirt (long or short sleeved) (Available with logo if preferred from Goodies);
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress;
- A pale blue gingham dress/gingham playsuit which may be worn during the summer months;
- Plain grey, white or black socks (not over the knee) or plain grey, white or black tights; Dark ankle socks with trousers;
- Plain black shoes are to be worn. Training shoes may also be worn daily – but without logos and must be plain black. If winter boots are worn these must also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they will be asked to change once in school;
- Jackets for school should be appropriate for the inclement weather conditions in the locality. Jacket fastenings should be such that the child can manage to close their jacket independently. School jackets showing the school logo, are available for purchase if wished.
- School book bag\* – Various types available and acceptable from the standard book bag, to expandable book bag and heavy duty over the shoulder book bag. (Large bags, backpacks and rucksacks are not permitted)

## **PE**

Blue shorts

Black trainers (preferably non-branded) with non-marking soles

Draw string PE bag (available with school logo or own choice of draw string bag)

T-shirts\* are available in: red, yellow, blue or green, depending on the child's school team. Children are allocated into one of the four school teams on entry to school. In order to support families, we ensure that siblings are placed into the same team (so that PE shirts can be handed down within families and reduce costs).

**Swimming** – One-piece swimming costume or trunks (no shorts), swimming cap, goggles and towel.

**Adventure activities** – Suitable outdoor clothing depending on activity.

Items marked with a \* are available to purchase online from Goodies Ltd (Summer 2025) with an embroidered school logo, or alternatively purchased in the school colours from High Street Shops and Supermarkets. Further information is available from our school office.

Children will not be discouraged from participating in any aspect of school life, such as interschool competitions, because of the cost of additional uniform requirements. When school events take place, such as football competitions, the children playing in the team will be loaned the appropriate kit for the duration of the matches taking place.

Many parents generously donate nearly new uniform items to school. These are available to view upon request from our School Business Manager, and are available freely to families.

## **Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and ideally blue to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decorations attached, or be made so that they protrude (especially those made of metal) where they could potentially cause injury.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair. Children's hair is to be its natural colour and not artificially coloured, dyed or bleached. \*The only exception for artificial colour may be for specific celebration and non-uniform where it would be expected that the colour was removed for the next school day.

Watches (including sports watches e.g. fitbit) may be worn, however electronic watches which connect to the internet cannot (e.g. apple). Wearing of these items will be at Headteachers discretion.

Responsibility remains with the child in respect of any valuable items worn to school, and school insurance will not cover replacement. If a valuable item of jewellery/watch is brought into school or expensive clothing on non-uniform days, families are to be aware that they will not be covered by school insurance policies if lost/stolen and the responsibility lies with the family to ensure that these items are fully covered through home insurances in respect of loss.

### **Footwear**

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All children are required to wear plain black shoes/trainers with plain black laces and without logos as stated in the uniform list. For practical reasons, Velcro fasteners are preferred until pupils can proficiently tie their own shoe laces. If boots are worn, these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor, they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building.

Because we spend a lot of time in the outdoor areas, children may be asked to have/bring a named pair of wellies into school to wear.

### **The Role of Parents**

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Families should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

If your child is in receipt of benefits-based Free School Meals, please speak to a senior member of staff who will can describe the additional support available for your family.

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our lost property to wear for that day if possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy, they should, in the first instance, contact the headteacher and then the Governors.

### **Non uniform day: for birthdays, team point winners, special events/awards**

There are special events and occasions when children are allowed to come into school in non-uniform. These are widely published in the school newsletter. During these days, we request that children wear appropriate footwear (using fasteners which can be secured by the child, and suitable for playing outdoors), jewellery and accessories to ensure that they are able to undertake daily activities, including playtimes, without any risk of accident/danger to themselves or others due to the clothing being worn.

### **Pupil/family non-compliance**

Although it is identified with the DfE documents referenced during the production of this policy: *'Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy.'* (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms>), it is anticipated that non-compliance will be discussed initially between school and home and an agreement made in respect of resolving the issue.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with our published uniform policy, we would hope to be able to take a mindful and considerate approach with this and work with the family to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

### **Complaints**

Disputes about the cost of school uniforms can be made by following the school's published complaints procedures which are available to download from the school website: [www.brinscall.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.brinscall.lancs.sch.uk), or a paper copy can be supplied upon request from the school office.

### **Monitoring and Review**

The last review/change to the school logo took place during the academic year: 2018-2019, as a result of changes to the school vision. Any planned changes to the school are widely published so that parents are aware and can plan accordingly.

Our school uniform logo supplier costs are reviewed regularly. Quality of uniform is monitored and any negative feedback from families is investigated and duly noted.

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.

The following documents have been used as part of the implementation of this policy:

**DfE Guidance: School Uniforms (Updated April 2024)** [Developing school uniform policy - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-school-uniform-policy)

**DfE Statutory Guidance: Cost of school uniforms (Published 19 November 2021)** [Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67dd2b17a18f580c277f7887/CWS\\_Bill\\_Policy\\_Summary\\_notes\\_as\\_amended\\_in\\_the\\_House\\_of\\_Commons.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67dd2b17a18f580c277f7887/CWS_Bill_Policy_Summary_notes_as_amended_in_the_House_of_Commons.pdf)

This policy will be reviewed in May 2027 unless subsequent guidance, or issues, require an earlier review.