



Bridgeview Special School

Uniform Policy



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1. Aims

This school uniform policy has been written following the DfE non-statutory guidance ‘Developing School uniform policy’, April 2024 and DfE statutory guidance ‘Cost of school uniforms’, November 2021.

School uniform at Bridgeview Special School is worn to encourage the development of self-confidence, pride in the school and to foster a sense of belonging. We believe that school uniform sets standards in terms of high expectations and a purposeful attitude towards learning and school. We want our uniform to be smart, functional, comfortable and cost effective. Our school uniform is practical and safe for pupils who cycle or walk to school. We ask that parents and carers help us to maintain standards and expectations by ensuring that their child is wearing full school uniform correctly.

2. Our ‘smart’ and ‘school ready’ expectations

The principles of being ‘smart’ and ‘school ready’ underpin the school uniform policy. These expectations are regularly communicated to all pupils and shared with parents/carers.

Our smart and school ready expectations	
Watches and jewellery	Pupils may wear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wrist-watch with a plain strap • One single pair of small stud earrings in the lobe of the ear



	<p>Pupils may NOT wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A SMART watch • A ring • Any type of necklace, chain or bracelet
Hair	Extreme hair styles are not permitted. This includes unnatural colours for example; blue, green, pink, bright red and designs cut into the hair for example tramlines.
Make-up	Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up or nail varnish. False nails are not permitted.
Tattoos	Pupils are not permitted to wear tattoos
Coats	<p>Pupils are required to bring a coat to school especially for wet and cooler weather days.</p> <p>Coats must not be worn inside the school building.</p>
Hoodies and hooded blankets (or oodies)	Hoodies and hooded blankets are not part of school uniform and should not be worn to school. Pupils should bring a coat for cooler weather.
Hats and caps	<p>Hats and caps can be worn for either sunny/or cold weather.</p> <p>Exceptions can be made for religious or medical reasons.</p> <p>Hats and caps must not be worn inside the school building.</p>
Mobile devices and telephones	<p>Mobile devices must be turned off and handed in upon entering the school building.</p> <p>Mobile devices will be returned to the pupil at the end of the day when leaving the building.</p>
School bag	Pupils may bring a bag no larger than an average sized backpack.

3. School uniform

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform. We recognise that some pupils may need adaptations to our uniform policy to support their sensory needs. Leaders are happy to work with parents and pupils to find suitable uniform adaptations can become part of a pupil's person-centered plan.

Our uniform expectations	
T-shirt, shirt or blouse	Plain white or bottle green with or without the school logo
Sweatshirt or cardigan	Green school sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo
Skirt or trousers	<p>Grey or black school skirt or school trousers.</p> <p>Jeans and leggings are not to be worn</p>
Shorts	<p>Grey or black school shorts for warmer weather</p> <p>Sport shorts with logos are not allowed to be worn</p>
Pinafore dress	Green check school dress for warmer weather
Tights	Grey or black
Outdoor footwear	<p>Black shoes or black trainers</p> <p>No heeled shoes or sandals</p> <p>Outdoor shoes are removed once pupils have entered the building.</p>



Indoor footwear	Pupils are required to change into clean indoor footwear when they arrive at school. Indoor footwear should have a soft sole e.g. Crocs, soft soiled trainers or plimsolls. Slippers and flipflops are not appropriate.
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Our school PE kit is practical, comfortable, appropriate to the activity and provided free of charge.

PE kit and safety requirements	
PE kit	The school supplies each pupil with PE kit t-shirt and shorts.
Long hair	It is a health and safety regulation that all pupils must tie their hair back for PE activities.
Earrings	It is a health and safety requirement that pupils should remove their earrings for PE activities. If they are unable to remove their own earrings, they will be required to use medical tape to cover them.

5. Equality, discrimination and religious considerations

In developing and implementing this policy the school has taken due regard to the obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equality Act 2010. The school has also considered the impact of the policy on pupils who share a protected characteristics including sex, race, religion or belief, disability or gender reassignment. Our aim is for the school uniform policy to be as inclusive as possible.

Leaders encourage parents and carers to contact the school to discuss any reasonable adjustments and adaptations to uniform their child may need linked to any protected characteristic or special need.

We also take into account key considerations such as safeguarding requirements and the health and safety of pupils.

6. Purchasing school uniform

We do not want parents to have to think about the cost of school uniform when choosing and sending their child to Bridgeview Special School. Therefore, we have ensured that our school uniform is affordable for all families.

It is not compulsory that our school uniform has the school logo on. Our uniform has been selected so that parents/carers can purchase it from local supermarkets and clothing shops at a reasonable price. Branded school uniform with the school logo on can be ordered from our school office.

Second-hand uniform is usually available for a small donation. Please contact the school office if you are interested in second-hand uniform and also look out for our second-hand uniform stalls at school events. Donations of second-hand uniform are gratefully received and can be handed into the school office.



We have arrangements to support families who receive free school meals with school uniform. Please contact the school office to find out more.

7. Maintaining standards

We ask parents and carers to help us maintain standards and expectations by sending their child in uniform each day. If a pupil arrives at school without appropriate agreed school uniform they will be provided with uniform to wear for the day. Staff will contact the parents/carers of the pupil to remind them of the uniform expectations and to offer support with helping their child wear uniform.

8. Lost property

All school uniform should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name to enable it to be identified if lost. All lost property is handed into the school office where it is held until the end of term. If it is not claimed it will be added to our second-hand uniform stock.