



School Uniform Policy

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At Brooklands Primary School we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

We believe that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from wearing fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

It is therefore our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Our Uniform:

For Every Day:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red <u>school logo</u> sweatshirt or cardigan • Grey or Black school trousers (not leggings or cropped trousers), shorts (knee length), skirt (knee length) or pinafore dress • White polo shirt • Red gingham dress, playsuit, shorts or culottes • White, grey or red tights or socks • Black, flat, sensible shoes only (not: boots, high heels, trainers or slip on) • Weatherproof coat. No fashion clothing e.g. leather jackets.
For PE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shorts • T-shirt in team colour (plain). Optional with school logo from PMG Schoolwear • Plimsolls/trainers • Plain black jogging bottoms and red school logo hoody or a plain black jogging top • Bag to hold PE kit • Socks
For Forest/Beach School:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest suit (Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2) • Long sleeved top (even in warmer weather) • Trousers (even in warmer weather) • Jumper • Wellies • Spare socks and trainers are required to wear in school • Hat, scarf and gloves (in colder weather) • Sun hat (in warmer weather)
For Swimming:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming suit (one piece not bikini) or close fitting swimming trunks. • Swimming cap

Other requirements:

- School logo book bag (Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 and only one key ring should be attached)
- Spare socks and underwear (if required)
- Long hair should be at least half tied up. Hair items to be school colours (red, white, black)
No fashion items
- We have adopted the Halo Code to embrace all Afro-hairstyles including, but not limited to afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows
- Sun hat (in warmer weather)
- Rucksacks should not be too large (need to fit inside locker with other items)

Please NO:

- Jewellery - except for single, plain gold or silver ear studs (must be removed before PE)
- Extreme haircuts e.g. 'skinhead' or 'mohican' (patterns or lines should not be cut into the hair)
- Make Up (including nail varnish, temporary tattoos etc.)
- In Winter we expect skirts to be worn with dark grey or black tights or knee high socks

Where to buy:

- School Logo items – all uniform can be purchased in person from the PMG School Wear Shop, 40 Westgate St, Ipswich, IP1 3ED or online via www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk (Book bags are available from the school office).
- Other items - are readily available from the high street or supermarket.
- Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense.
- Pre-loved uniform. We now accept pre-loved uniforms. We collect cardigans and jumpers with Brooklands logo on as well as skirts, dresses, trousers, shorts, polo shirts and PE t-shirts. Pre-loved uniform will be available to purchase regularly with sales being before or after school on the school premises. All profits go to the PTA.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body:

- The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the uniform policy throughout the school community, as part of the duty to maintain day to day discipline in the school.

Role of the Parents:

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as charity fundraising.
- Raise any complaints about the school uniform using the schools complaints procedure.
- **Name all items of uniform** – the school accepts no liability for loss or reasonable wear and tear through curriculum activities. We recommend www.nametags.com for name labels.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy:

We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. The school will talk to children who are in breach of the Uniform Policy and remind them about what they should be wearing. Where breaches of the Uniform Policy are persistent, the class teacher will speak to the parents in the first instance or a note will be sent home. Continued refusal to follow the policy will result in a letter from the headteacher and/or a meeting where further challenge and support will be offered.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities:

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. The Governing body will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head teacher and the Governing Body.