Buckingham Primary School

Uniform Policy

The policy is to be reviewed by June 2027

Updated March 2026: Reference to principles we insist on:
No make-up, nail varnish including gel or false nails, hoodies, excessive hair accessories.

OPAL playtime-wear is included in this policy. Correct clothing during OPAL play ensures safe access to all activities and protects children's daily uniforms.

OPAL Play clothing (required to be in school at all times)

- Waterproof coat
- Wellies or waterproof boots
- Waterproof trousers (optional but recommended)
- Sun hat/warm hat/gloves (season dependent)

Reference to waterproofs being available from T Kings.

A school uniform fosters a sense of identity, belonging and pride. Our uniform sets a high standard of appearance for all, whilst clothing pupils in practical, cost-effective school wear. We ensure uniform is affordable for parents by limiting logoed items and providing easy access to our PTA online second hand uniform shop.

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A school uniform policy only works well if everyone knows what is acceptable and what is unacceptable. It is worth stating a few key principles we insist upon:

- No jewellery*, except small, plain studs for pierced ears and wrist watches – both of which must be removed for P.E. Wrist watches must not have the capacity to record/film/photograph.
- No make-up, nail varnish, false or gel nails, excessive hair accessories.
- Skirt length modest – no shorter than just above the knee.
- No high-heeled shoes over 3cm.
- Trainers only as specialist sports shoes, or to change into in wet, muddy weather.
- No fashion items, e.g. hoodies, boot-leg trousers, mini-skirts or designer sportswear.
- Socks and tights should be plain coloured, no patterns or cartoons.
- Hair must be a natural colour, long hair tied back and no part-shaven or pattern shaven styles.
- All clothing, including coats and shoes must be labelled with pupil's name.

* Jewellery worn as a symbol of faith will be permitted at the discretion of the Headteacher.

We try to encourage our children to take responsibility for their own appearance, to look clean, smart and tidy at all times. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure their child is properly attired for school. Members of the school staff have responsibility for promoting the school's uniform policy by reminding children about the rules relating to appropriate dress.

Year-round, whole-school uniform (ages 4-11):

- White poly-cotton short-sleeve shirt/blouse
- School tie (from school) Elastic option available for KS1 pupils. (Tie is optional for KS1 pupils)
- Black trousers/skirt
- Royal blue v-neck sweatshirt with Swan logo or
- Royal blue cardigan
- Black shoes
- Black/navy/white plain coloured socks
- Black/navy plain coloured tights
- Optional gilet with swan logo
- Optional raincoat

Physical Education:

- Royal blue, round neck T shirt with Swan logo
- Royal blue zip up top with logo
- Black PE shorts
- Black jogging bottom
- Black plimsolls
- Black/navy/white plain coloured socks

Summer options - Period 1, 5 and 6:

- Pale blue gingham (not striped) dresses or smart
- Black tailored shorts

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All uniform items with a Swan logo together with the school tie and waterproof items are available to order from the school uniform suppliers T King Associates. There is a link on the school website to the uniform shop.