



School Uniform Statement

Barnes Primary School believes that uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. A complete list of compulsory school logo branded items, compulsory non-branded items and optional items of uniform is included within this statement.

Aims and Objectives:

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a feeling of belonging and community;
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline;
- Is practical;
- Identifies the children as part of the school;
- Makes children feel equal in terms of appearance;
- Represents good value for money with non-branded items being available from a number of high street outlets

The Role of Parents:

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are strong reasons, for example religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from school uniform, the school will give consideration to such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities or health conditions, parents are requested to bring this to the attention of the Headteacher.

All items of uniform MUST be named before your children wear them to school. The school will pass any unnamed article of clothing in the lost property box at the end of each half term to the PTFA's (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) second hand uniform stock or it will be disposed of.

The role of Governors:

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing a school uniform policy that helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. Governors also liaise with the Headteacher to ensure and that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity and ensure the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities.

It is the governors' responsibility to consider the cost and available sources of supply of the school uniform so that it represents good value for money and to ensure that compulsory branded items are kept to a minimum. The school takes no profit from the sales of school uniform from any organisation. We will review our suppliers regularly and will consider entering into supply agreements with more than one company if possible, practical and financially advantageous to parents.

Any family with a child eligible for Free School Meals, and for whom compulsory items of uniform would represent an unacceptable cost, is also invited to approach either the Headteacher, Deputy, or any member of the Front of House staff as the school may be able to assist with the purchase.

Second hand uniform:

The PTFA hold regular second hand uniform sales and 'uniform swaps' and uniform can regularly be obtained via the school Freecycle group - a WhatsApp facilitated group run by parents/carers for parents/carers. Requests for further information on second hand uniform can be directed to the Front of House staff. Donations of good quality, second-hand uniform which has perhaps been grown out of during children's time at school are gratefully accepted.



Uniform:

All items of school uniform can be purchased from the school supplier, which is currently Stitch Design Limited: www.stitchdesign.co.uk. Branded items must be purchased from this company, or via Freecycle and our termly uniform sales.

In order to be consistent with colours and styles for non-branded items, purchases of non-branded items from Stitch Design would be the preferred option. However, non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from high street suppliers, as long as they reflect the appropriate colours.

Pupils in Reception to Year 6

Compulsory branded items - only available from Stitch Design:

- a school logo branded red sweatshirt
- a school logo branded black PE t-shirt
- a House T-shirt for Sports Days (Bank, Castlenau, Beverly or Mortlake)
- a school logo branded red book bag: compulsory for Nursery & Reception and may be used in Year 1
- a school logo branded red rucksack: compulsory from Year 2 to Year 6 and may be used in Reception

*Reception and Year 1 children will still require a book bag (as detailed above) should parents/carers wish for them to also have a rucksack

Compulsory non-branded items - available from Stitch Design, but can be purchased from any retailer:

- a white, collared cotton shirt (long sleeve winter; short sleeve summer)
- dark grey knee length skirt, shorts or trousers
- dark grey socks or tights (in colder months - usually from October through to the end of the Spring Term)
- white or grey ankle socks during summer (April to October half term)
- black shoes (no trainers)
- a coat (preferably in a dark colour)
- a sunhat for the Summer Term
- trainers or plimsolls for outdoor PE
- black PE shorts
- a set of plain black base layers (long sleeve tops and leggings/skins for PE in cooler weather)
- a red drawstring PE bag
- a water bottle for the classroom (also available from school)
- a swimming cap for Y4, Y5, Y6 (also available from school)

Optional branded items - only available from Stitch Design:

- a school logo branded waterproof school black with red panel ¾ zip sports jacket
- a school logo branded red cardigan (may only be worn with summer dresses)
- a red gingham summer dress may be worn from the start of the Summer Term (April) to the end of the first half of the Autumn Term (October)
- a 'Team Barnes' black sports hoodie (however a sew-on Team Barnes badge, which can be added to another retailer's plain black hoodie, is available from school if required)



Optional non-branded items - available from Stitch Design:

- a reversible black and grey waterproof/fleece heavy weight jacket

Nursery Pupils

Compulsory branded items - only available from Stitch Design:

- a school logo branded red sweatshirt
- a school logo branded red book bag

Compulsory non-branded items - available from Stitch Design, but can be purchased from any retailer:

- a sun hat in summer term

Optional non-branded items - available from Stitch Design, but can be purchased from any retailer:

- a dark grey skirt, knee length shorts, or trousers

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