



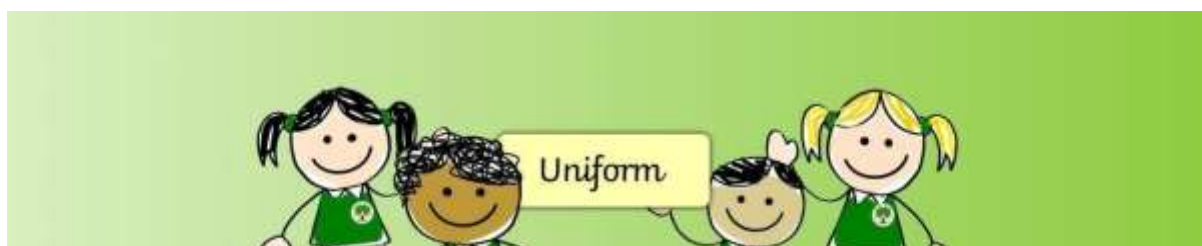
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School Uniform Policy

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

Bedlington West End Primary School is committed to promoting equality and value for money and to ensure that no child is discriminated against due to their gender identity, religion or belief, economic circumstances or social and cultural background. This policy contains provision to meet these objectives and has been created with health and safety, value for money and practicality in mind.

Our aim is to develop a sense of community within school as well as developing good role models in our pupils, who will act as ambassadors for our school on educational visits and within the local community. The children of Bedlington West End Primary School will have pride in their school and feel positive about demonstrating this through wearing our uniform.

EQUALITY

This uniform policy pays regard to the actions schools must take resulting from the Equality Act (2010). The Equality Act does not refer directly to uniform but stipulates that no group with restricted characters must be discriminated against in the purchase of or access to items of uniform.

School endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral and inclusive as possible. We do not insist that children of any gender or gender identity must wear specific items of clothing.

Bedlington West End Primary School will be sensitive to the needs of different cultures, races and religions and act reasonably in accommodating any adjustments to uniform which are required to comply with a child's religion or belief. These adjustments cannot compromise important school policies such as safety or discipline. The School and Governing Body will act reasonably through consultation and dialogue in accommodating any uniform adaptations at parents or pupils request.

COST

The 'Cost of School Uniforms Guidance (November 2021)' states:

Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school to apply for. No school uniform should be so expensive as to leave pupils or their families feeling unable to apply to, or attend, a school of their choice. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniforms are affordable.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents\carers and pupils into account if\when considering changes to school uniforms. Where changes are required, the school ensures that assistance is provided to parents\carers struggling to meet the associated costs.

Following a parent\guardian uniform Google survey in April 2022, the results received indicated parents\carers were generally happy with the choice of uniform, costs involved, value for money and availability.

BRANDED UNIFORM

A small number of our uniform items can be purchased with our school logo embroidered on the item. This is an option for parents\carers and not an expectation. Although there are branded uniform items available to purchase there are no essential branded items.

Branded items are available to purchase either from our school office or on-line from our supplier Border Embroideries at: <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/bedlington-west-end-first-school.html>

We have compared our costs with other suppliers and schools to ensure that our pricing is appropriate and that parents will not be put at any disadvantage through the choice of supplier for branded items.

NON-BRANDED ALTERNATIVES

All of our branded items are available in non-branded alternatives. This is made clear in our uniform list and this is promoted to parents regularly. Our uniform is generic colours, jade green, white, grey\black, to ensure non-branded items are easily accessible from high street stores, including those which sell uniform at lower prices such as supermarkets.

School keep a small stock of non-branded PE kit items for younger children, including shorts, jogging trousers and t-shirts and these items are all available for purchase from local supermarkets.

There will be no discrimination made between children who wear branded or non-branded items to school.

Parents\carers do have the option to purchase a sew\iron on badge bearing the school logo, however this is not mandatory.

NURSERY & RECEPTION (EYFS) INTAKE UNIFORM

As part of the new intake process for Nursery children, they will be able to purchase jumpers/cardigans with the school logo which will be the same as the rest of the school. Nursery children will be given a kit bag free of charge for a spare set of clothes and shoes to keep in school. We provide every Reception child with a complimentary PE kit t-shirt and for those eligible for free school meals we also provide a jumper or a cardigan.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Bedlington West End Primary School work in partnership with Bedlington Clothes Bank at Hope Church. Parents can donate and take uniform as needed.

OUR UNIFORM

Our school uniform comprises of the following:

Nursery to Year 6

- Jade green sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- White polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers
- Black or grey skirt or pinafore (in summer a green and white summer dress may be worn)
- Black sensible shoes/trainers

OUR PE KIT

Reception to Year 6

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their PE lesson wearing their PE kit. They can wear it for the full school day. The PE kit is as follows:

- Plain jade green T-shirt
- Plain black shorts (summer)
- Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings - Plain black sandshoes or trainers
- School jumper or cardigan

LABELLING

School staff encourage good organisation of clothing and footwear, for example in designated spaces to keep belongings and checking of labels. Bedlington West End Primary School encourages parents\carers to label all items of clothing with the pupil's name.

If a child goes home in another child's clothing by accident, for example their sweatshirt, parents\carers should send the clothing not belonging to them back into school to their child's class teacher.

Any lost clothing is taken to the lost property box. All lost property is retained for a term and is either disposed of or donated to the Bedlington clothes bank.

JEWELLERY

For health and safety reasons the only permitted jewellery which may be worn is:

- one pair of stud earrings (no other piercings are permitted).
- a wrist watch (not internet enabled).

All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, for example PE lessons\swimming lessons. If children are unable to remove their own earring, then this should be done at home on the day of PE.

It is no longer appropriate for children to tape over earrings in accordance with the Health and Safety Guidelines from the Association of Physical Education.