



Brookfield Primary School

'Be the best you can be'

Brookfield Primary School aims to provide an educational environment of the highest quality in which we will strive to:

- ✿ To keep every pupil safe
- ✿ Develop effective and enthusiastic learners
- ✿ Value the self esteem and maximise the potential of every child
- ✿ Promote constructive attitudes and values
- ✿ Foster caring relationships in a secure environment
- ✿ Work in equal partnership with parents and carers and involve them in their children's learning

UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

At Brookfield Primary School we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Some items of uniform can be bought from school, whilst others are easily available at very competitive prices, from local shops including supermarkets. We also have pre-loved uniform available to all our families. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform, including those for Physical Education, is included in this policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- ✿ Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- ✿ Clarifies what can be worn at school
- ✿ Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- ✿ Identifies pupils with the school
- ✿ Supports the school's commitment to inclusion
- ✿ Prevents pupils from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class
- ✿ Is practical, smart, affordable and designed with health and safety in mind
- ✿ Is considered to be good value for money

School Uniform List

There is a school uniform at Brookfield Primary School that consists of:

- ✿ Plain navy blue jumper, fleece, cardigan or sweatshirt (no logo other than the school logo, no hoodies except school logo hoody in Y6)
- ✿ Plain white / pale blue shirt or polo shirt
- ✿ Plain black / navy blue / grey skirt, trousers or shorts
- ✿ Blue dresses in warmer weather

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

Footwear

This school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. School shoes need to be safe, healthy and allow us to run around and have fun at break time, in all weathers. Children are required to wear flat, **plain black** shoes, boots or trainers; please see examples below:

Acceptable



Unacceptable



P.E. Kit

P.E. Uniform is:

- ✿ Plain black or blue shorts
- ✿ Plain white or navy blue t-shirt (logo PE shirts are available to buy from school)
- ✿ Trainers
- ✿ Plain navy or black jogging bottoms
- ✿ Plain navy or black sweatshirt for outdoor lessons in cold weather

Jewellery, Hair decorations, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For many reasons, including safety, we **do not allow** children to wear jewellery such as necklaces, rings, bracelets and also smart watches. Your child may wear small stud earrings but not hoops. For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed by your child or before they attend school on these days.

Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings and if ears have been recently pierced and cannot be removed then a plaster should be placed over the area.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either navy blue or black to match our uniform.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have their hair coloured or dyed.

Football kits

No football kit should be worn to school (either for PE or otherwise), unless part of a special celebration.

Wellingtons/ Waterproofs

We strongly encourage all children to have a pair of wellingtons that can be left in school to ensure full access to OPAL. The colour and design of wellingtons is entirely your choice. You are also welcome to provide your child with waterproof trousers to protect their clothing, particularly if they enjoy messy/ wet play!

Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, particularly in the winter months, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat/ear-muffs, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. On hot days all children are expected to wear full uniform (although not jumpers). Items such as polo-shirts / short-sleeved shirts, tailored shorts and summer dresses are all appropriate in the hot weather.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, clean and in good repair, with the **child's name visibly labelled** on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform or PE clothing will be loaned appropriate items from school where possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter and may be requested to return to school with correct clothing.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the Uniform Policy will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request an exception to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Headteacher and then the Governors.

The role of staff

Staff should support the Leadership Team in maintaining high standards of uniform dress. They should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing (including on trips – no jeans). Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. Where pupils are wearing the correct uniform, staff should give positive encouragement. Staff should also be aware that sometimes a pupil's standard of dress may indicate care issues at home. If this is suspected, it should be referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the responsibility of the Governing Body to ensure the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal Monitoring and Review opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Lost Property

Any unidentified items of school uniform will be taken put in class lost property boxes. Children are encouraged to look here to reclaim lost property, on the understanding that the found item will be clearly named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing.

Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by labelling all items with your child's name.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its work by:

-  seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
-  considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.