



**Barton CE (VA) Primary
School
Uniform Policy**

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours.

Barton CE (VA) Primary School uniform consists of:

- Royal blue polo shirt with embroidered school logo and name (or a plain royal blue polo shirt)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered school logo and name (or a plain royal blue cardigan or jumper)
- Black, charcoal or grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores
- Blue and white gingham dress for summer (optional)
- Plain black, grey or white socks or tights
- Black shoes with fastenings (velcro, laces or buckles). If in adverse weather, boots are worn to school, then a pair of school shoes must be brought to school for the child to change into.
- **PE Kit:** White T-shirt with embroidered school logo (or a plain white T-shirt), plain black shorts and school sweatshirt or fleece. Plain black joggers may be worn in winter. Suitable outdoor trainers.
- **Swimming Kit:** a one-piece swimming costume, waterproof shoes (flip flops, crocs or similar) and towel

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Any lost clothing that is unnamed will be taken to the lost property box in the school office. Lost property will be retained for one term and will be added to the school's second-hand uniform stock if it is not collected within this time.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered by parents as good value for money
- is designed with health and safety in mind

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- is as inclusive as possible and avoids any direct or indirect discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics or socio-economic status

Purchasing school uniform

School uniform embroidered with the school logo and name may be purchased from our school suppliers:

	Brigade	School Trends
Website:	School - Brigade Clothing, LTD	Barton CE Primary School Uniform (schooltrends.co.uk)
Email:	sales@brigade.uk.com	info@schooltrends.co.uk

School trousers, skirts and shorts as well as plain (non-branded) royal blue polo shirts, jumpers and cardigans, and white T-shirts (for PE) can also be purchased at major retailers. Second-hand uniform and school book bags are available to buy directly from the school office. The school will support disadvantaged families whose children are eligible for FSM in meeting the cost of uniform. Please contact the school office for further information.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that in school it is dangerous for children to wear platform soles or high heels. Neither do we encourage children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. To enable your child to safely take part in a wide range of break time sports and games, children should wear shoes that are not loose fitting or that restrict foot movement. If the weather is very warm, open-toed sandals may be worn, but children will not be able to go on the play equipment due to health and safety considerations. Parents should also ensure that children have a pair of trainers with them on PE days.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are wristwatches and plain earring studs in pierced ears. We ask children to remove or tape over earrings during PE lessons.

Make up and cosmetics

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. **This includes nail varnish and temporary tattoos.** The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given permission.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children or where the haircut could produce a risk to the child's health

and safety. Hair gel, wax and other 'styling' products are considered to be equivalent to make-up and cosmetics and are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back at all times. This avoids health and safety risks as well as reducing the potential spread of headlice.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready to learn. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. Where a parent is temporarily unable to send their child to school in the appropriate uniform, permission must be sought from the Headteacher who must agree that the reasons are valid.

The Role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for enforcing the school's uniform rules on a day-to-day basis, and ensuring that teachers understand the policy and are supported in its implementation. The Headteacher will listen to the opinions and wishes of the school community in regard to the school's uniform, and will make recommendations to the governing board as appropriate.

The Role of Governors

It is the Governors' responsibility to:

- establish, in consultation with the Headteacher and school community, a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values;
- ensure that the school's uniform is accessible and inclusive, and does not disadvantage any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics or socio-economic status;
- listen to the opinions and wishes of parents, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform;
- ensure that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable;
- demonstrating in this policy how best value for money has been achieved;
- ensure compliance with the DfE's ['Cost of school uniforms'](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/school-admissions-code-2021) guidance, [School admissions code 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/school-admissions-code-2021)

The Governors will consider, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation, either for religious or medical reasons, with regard to school uniform.

Policy Review

This policy was ratified by the Governing Body on **6th November 2024** and will be reviewed annually.

Headteacher: Date:.....

Chair of Governors: Date:

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