



Our Lady's Bishop Eton Primary School

Uniform Policy

Living, Loving and Learning In Jesus

Signed by:			
R. Davidson	Headteacher	Date:	14.07.2026
S. Ejuoneatse	Governor	Date:	14.07.2026
Review Date			Summer 2027

INTENT

Our Lady's Bishop Eton believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of belonging and identity for all pupils, regardless of their protected characteristics or socio-economic circumstances. We also believe that pupils learn most effectively and achieve their best outcomes when they are comfortable, able to be themselves, and dressed in such a way that sets an appropriate tone for education. This policy lays out the measures the school has taken to ensure a consistent, fair and inclusive uniform policy, and to implement a uniform that reflects the needs of all pupils, and is affordable and the best value for money for the school and pupils' families.

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation including, but not limited to, the following: Education and Inspections Act 2006, Education Act 2011, Human Rights Act 1998, Equality Act 2010, The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), Data Protection Act 2018. This policy has due regard to all relevant guidance including, but not limited to, the following: DfE (2021) 'Cost of school uniforms', DfE (2021) 'School Admissions Code', DfE (2021) 'School uniforms'.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The school reviews its uniform provision annually in order to ensure that:

- The best value for money is secured through reputable suppliers
- Our uniforms are affordable for all current and prospective pupils
- Our school uniform policy does not discourage parents from applying for a place for their child
- Keeps variations in school uniform for different groups of pupils to a minimum where possible to ensure that pupils can get the most wear out of their uniform possible and that parents can pass some items down to younger siblings.
- Keeps branded uniform items to a minimal level that is reasonable for all members of the school community.
- Does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents and pupils into account when considering any changes to school uniforms.
- Ensures that pupils who are required to follow certain religious dress requirements are afforded the appropriate flexibility as far as is possible.
- Ensures that the needs of pupils with SEND and/or sensory difficulties are considered in the uniform policy
- Ensures that pupils are not required to wear specific items based on their gender.

Roles and responsibilities

The Governing board is responsible for:

- Establishing, in consultation with the Headteacher and school community, a practical and smart school uniform that accurately reflects the school's vision and values.
- Ensuring 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.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of parents, pupils and the wider school community regarding changes to the school's uniform.
- Ensuring that the school's uniform is accessible and affordable.
- Demonstrating how best value for money has been achieved in the uniform policy.
- Ensuring compliance with the DfE's 'Cost of school uniforms' guidance.
- Processing and approving all eligible School Uniform Assistance Application Forms.
- Ensuring compliance with obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- Enforcing the school's uniform on a day-to-day basis.
- Ensuring that teachers understand this policy and what to do if a pupil is in breach of the policy.
- Listening to the opinions and wishes of the school community in regard to the school's uniform and making appropriate recommendations to the governing board.

Staff members are responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils dress in accordance with this policy at all times.
- Disciplining pupils who are in breach of this policy.
- Ensuring that pupils understand why having a consistent and practical school uniform is important, e.g. school identity.

Parents are responsible for:

- Providing their children with the correct school uniform as detailed in this policy.
- Informing the Headteacher if their child requires a more relaxed uniform policy for a period of time, including reasons why.
- Ensuring that their child's uniform is clean, presentable and the correct size.
- Ensuring that behaviour is in line with school expectations whenever pupils are wearing school uniform outside of school.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Wearing the correct uniform at all times, unless the Headteacher has granted an exemption.
- Looking after their uniform as appropriate.
- Understanding and respecting why a school uniform is important to the school, e.g. school identity and community.

COMPLAINTS AND CHALLENGES

The school endeavours to resolve all uniform complaints and challenges locally and informally, in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy. To make a complaint, parents should refer to the Complaints Procedures Policy and follow the stipulations outlined. When a complaint is received, the school will work with parents to resolve this. Governors are willing to consider reasonable requests for flexibility to allow a pupil to accommodate particular social and cultural circumstances.

BRANDED ITEMS

As of September 2026, the school will limit its branded items of uniform and PE kit to three or fewer.

The school will confirm with parents and pupils which branded uniforms will be compulsory within the above limit and the specification of other optional branded items. All branded items, whether compulsory or optional, will be kept to a minimum and generic alternatives will be permitted.

Parents will be informed of any requirements for generic alternatives of non-branded uniform, e.g. the colour, shade, fabric or fit, so that these items can be purchased appropriately.

A branded item will be deemed compulsory if a pupil is required to have or wear the item:

- For general use at the school.
- To travel to or from the school.
- To take part in any lesson, club or activity facilitated by the school.

The limit on branded items will apply to any branded bags, and any items required only at particular times of the year, e.g. summer uniform.

Where pupils are able to choose between different branded items, e.g. being able to choose between wearing a branded skirt or branded trousers, this will only count as one item as the pupil is only required to have one of those items.

Different branded uniforms may be adopted for different key stages; however, the school will consider cost implications for parents in doing so.

When making decisions about compulsory branded items, the school will consider how it can maintain the benefits of a branded item while also keeping costs low. This may involve using sew-on or iron-on labels or limited branded items to longer-lasting items such as ties, rather than items that need to be purchased more frequently or in larger quantities, e.g. shirts.

Sew-on or iron-on logos applied to uniform items will be considered branded items and included within the school's prescribed limit of compulsory branded items.

All loaned or gifted branded items will be captured within the limit if they are required to be worn. Additional branded items may be loaned, given out, or made available for sale by the school; however, wearing such items will be optional.

Where optional branded items are made available, wearing an equivalent unbranded version of that item will also be permitted.

Generic unbranded items worn by pupils will still need meet the requirements of this policy and should be fit for purpose.

For sporting activities and competitions, pupils will not be required to wear branded items to take part in an activity, unless these items count towards the limit on branded items. The school may give out free additional branded items for sporting competitions and events.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

The school works with suppliers to obtain the best value for money possible. School uniform is available from our current school uniform suppliers are 'Stitch Design' & 'Kitted Out'. Contact Information is available on our website.

<https://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/>

[Kitted Out, 5-17 Bleasdale Road, Mossley Hill, L18 5JB](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Reception

Branded green sweatshirt

Branded yellow polo shirt

Green jogging bottoms

Grey socks

Plain black shoes or trainers (preferably with Velcro fastenings)

SUMMER UNIFORM (after Easter holiday)

Children continue to wear their usual uniform

OR

Green and white gingham dress with black shoes (No sandals or trainers)

Year 1 and Year 2

Branded green sweatshirt

Branded yellow polo shirt

Grey shorts/trousers/skirt/pinafore

Grey socks

Plain black shoes

Year 3 – Year 6

Branded green V-neck pullover or cardigan

School tie

White short or long-sleeved shirt

Grey shorts/trousers/skirt/pinafore

Grey socks

Plain black shoes

All year groups

Branded PE top

Black PE shorts (not cycling shorts)

Black trainers

Optional items

These branded items are available from our uniform supplier but are not an essential part of school uniform.

Reception / Key Stage 1

Branded EYFS / KS1 green book bag

Branded showerproof school coat

Branded green school cap

School water bottle

Waterproof outdoor suit

Wellies

Key Stage 2

Branded green KS2 Messenger bag

Branded Green winter coat

Branded Green school cap

School water bottle

Y6 tie

Y6 leavers' hoodies (organised through school)

FOOTWEAR: Smart black school shoes should be worn with both winter and summer uniforms. Trainers are not permitted with school uniform. Children should only wear trainers as part of their PE Kit.

PE KIT: Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child wears their PE kit on the days that they have PE. Optional uniform black tracksuits can be worn during colder periods (see PE Uniform list). Children are not permitted to wear their own sportswear as part of their PE kit.

COATS: Children should wear a plain black coat with minimal branding or logos. As coats are frequently removed during the school day and can easily be misplaced on the playground or around the school, we strongly recommend avoiding expensive or designer coats. While staff will always encourage children to take care of their belongings and will make reasonable efforts to reunite lost items with their owners, it is not possible to spend significant amounts of time searching for misplaced clothing. We therefore ask parents to make sensible purchasing decisions and ensure that all coats are clearly labelled with their child's name.

JEWELLERY and NAIL POLISH: One pair of small, round stud earrings can be worn. No jewellery is allowed for swimming lessons and earrings should be removed on PE days. No other jewellery should be worn.

Smart watches are not permitted.

Nail polish is not permitted.

SCHOOL BAG: Pupils must use an appropriately-sized waterproof bag to carry their books and equipment. It should hold A4-sized work books comfortably, without causing any damage. School bags need to fit into our cloakrooms so please avoid bulky backpacks. Bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted. The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.

HAIRSTYLES: Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk. Long hair must be tied up. The school reserves the right to make a judgement on where pupils' hairstyles are inappropriate for the school environment; however, will ensure that any such judgements do not discriminate against any pupil by virtue of their protected characteristics. Each individual pupil's scenario will be taken into account where any judgements on appropriateness are to be made, and parents will always have the freedom to complain via the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

WEATHER: All pupils are required to wear weather-appropriate clothing.

LABELLING: All pupils' clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with their name.

LOST UNIFORM: Any lost clothing is placed in the lost property box in the school entrance. All lost property is retained for a half term and is removed if it is not collected within this time.

PRELOVED UNIFORM: OLBE HSA collects items of branded uniform which can be accessed during HSA fundraising events. In the event of a family needing items of uniform, requests can be made to the school office.

NON-COMPLIANCE: If a pupil repeatedly breaches uniform rules, parents will be approached to discuss any potential issues.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

When planning non-uniform days, the school will consider:

- Any impact it may have on attendance.
- The expectations on appropriate clothing.
- The Behaviour Policy.
- The ability of pupils from low-income families to fully take part, e.g. where costumes or dressing up are involved.
- That participation should not be dependent on parents or pupils making a financial contribution.