



Birdwell Primary School School Uniform Policy

Birdwell Primary School Vision:

" At Birdwell Primary School, through creating an aspirational and inclusive learning environment, we are committed to nurturing confident, lifelong learners who are proud of their heritage and ready to make a positive contribution to modern society."

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Introduction

At Birdwell Primary School, we pride ourselves in being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our policy that all pupils wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. All items of our school uniform can be purchased from local / chain stores. You can also purchase uniform from the school office or Vortex Clothing with the school logo printed on. Please complete an order form and send to the office with your payment. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education is below.

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
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies pupils with the school
- Supports the school's commitment to inclusion and equality
- Is practical, smart, and designed with health and safety in mind

The Role of Parents/Carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items. If a parent/carer has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a member of our senior leadership team to discuss the issues. Parents/Carers should be assured that we will do all we can to help. Pupils who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our uniform collection to wear for that day if possible. The same system will apply for pupils who do not have a PE kit. Parents/Carers will be contacted to discuss the matter.

Uniform List

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 are expected to wear school uniform at all times.

- Black or grey trousers / shorts /skirt / pinafore dress
- White, royal or light blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan / hoodie (**with logo: note this applies to hoodie only**)
- Blue or grey tights
- In the summer, children may choose to wear a blue gingham dress
- *Please note: Shorts must be of an appropriate length, reaching at least mid-thigh when standing. Cycling shorts, lycra shorts or any form-fitting athletic shorts are not permitted as part of the school uniform.*
- *Shorts deemed excessively short are not allowed. The final decision on appropriate length rests with the school leadership.*

PE kit

- Birdwell Logo PE T-Shirt (available at <https://www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk/Birdwell-Primary-PE-T-Shirt-1>)
- Navy shorts / athletic leggings / joggers or tracksuit bottoms
- Navy blue sweatshirt or hoodie
- Trainers or pumps

Please note that on your child's PE days, children are to come to school wearing their PE kits.

Footwear

All children are required to wear plain black trainers, shoes or boots. Heels or platforms are not permitted.

Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Make-up and Nail Varnish

- One pair of stud earrings and a watch may be worn for school. No other jewellery, including smart watches or other piercings are permitted.
- All jewellery must be removed by the child when participating in any physical education, so we encourage no jewellery at all on PE or swimming days. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.
- Hair bands, ribbons, bows or scrunchies should be plain and navy blue to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decorations attached.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back for PE.

- Make up, nail varnish and artificial nails should not be worn to school. If a pupil is wearing these, they will be asked to remove them.

Second Hand Uniform

A selection of pre-loved uniform will be available for FREE or as a SWAP. This will be collected via donations from our families. If you would like to donate any good condition items that your child has grown out of, please bring these to the school office. Please make sure the items are clean. A range of second hand uniform will be available on selected exchange days or through contacting our PSA, Mrs Atkinson-Swift