



# BENCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PUPILS UNIFORM POLICY

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Signed 

(Chair of Governors)

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**We are a rights respecting school. All our policies and procedures are written and reviewed to ensure that children's rights, as detailed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, are respected and promoted.**

**Article 27: You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other children can do.**

### Introduction

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

### Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the shared belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the students with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- encourages pride in the school and supports teaching and learning
- enable students to be comfortable, safe and secure
- ensures that students of different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome

### Named Uniform

- Navy blue, black or charcoal trousers/skirts/dresses or shorts in the hotter weather (Not denim, canvas, cord, chinos, tracksuit or leggings)
- Plain black, grey or navy blue tights. Socks also need to be plain black, grey or white
- Green school polo shirt. Blue/green gingham dress in summer
- Suitable shoes – black shoes or black trainers (no heels, no open toe sandals)

### **P.E. Kit in named P.E. bags**

- Dark Shorts (tracksuits bottoms in colder weather)
- White T shirt
- Pumps / Trainers
- School jumpers can be worn in cold weather

### **Unsuitable Items**

The following items are considered unsuitable for school and may be removed if appropriate e.g nail varnish will be removed during the school day etc

- Mobile phones
- Heeled shoes
- Nail varnish
- Hooded tops
- Hair tattoos – designs shaved into hair
- Jewellery - On health and safety grounds we do not allow students to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming.

### **Expectation of the uniform policy**

- All students will be expected to wear their Peace Mala bracelet each day for school.
- Students will be expected to borrow uniform from school if they are not appropriately dressed.
- Parents will be contacted to provide suitable uniform if this is not available in school.

In the case of jewellery and other accessories, the student will be asked to remove the item (the school accepts no liability for any items that are lost). Teachers have the right to confiscate items of jewellery if deemed appropriate (for repeated offences).

The Headteacher's decision is final in all matters of uniform and dress.

Parents should raise any issues relating to school uniform, dress codes or other aspects of appearance with the Headteacher. Requests to vary the uniform requirements for particular reasons, such as medical needs, will always be carefully considered.

Students should raise issues with their class teacher; they may also request that uniform matters, including proposals for change, be put onto the agenda of the School Council meetings.

## **The role of parents**

We require 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 for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

Should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of a member of Senior Leadership Team. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

## **The role of governors**

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Monitoring and review**

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.