

BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Uniform Policy

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Chairs of Governors: Mr H Samuelson

Date of Next Review: September 2027

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1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised events outside normal school hours. Our school uniform is as follows:

Brown skirt or pinafore dress, or black trousers, yellow polo shirt and brown sweatshirt or brown cardigan. Brown or black tights, plain white socks. In the summer, yellow gingham checked dresses can be worn.

Long or short grey trousers, yellow polo shirt and brown sweatshirt, plain dark socks, NO stripes or patterns.

Except on non-uniform days – JEANS, LEGGINGS, CYCLING SHORTS AND TRACKSUITS ARE NOT PERMITTED (Exceptions will be considered for medical, SEND or individual needs).

PE/Games: Yellow PE t-shirt and black shorts. Footwear – plimsolls/trainers (if possible, elasticated for infants) and trainers for outdoors. Plain dark coloured tracksuit. Optional Blean School sports top.

This list of items needed for school uniform is on our school website. Please use the following link:

<https://bleanprimary.org.uk/kent/primary/blean/site/pages/schoolinformation/uniform>

The PTFA regularly run a second-hand uniform sale. Please contact the school office for more information. In addition to purchasing uniform items from School Colours Direct [School Uniform \(schoolcoloursdirect.co.uk\)](http://School Uniform (schoolcoloursdirect.co.uk)) , many school items can be purchased from high street stores.

2 Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school and supports high standards
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- supports positive behaviour and discipline thereby supporting effective teaching and learning
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class and nurtures cohesion
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money
- is designed with health and safety in mind and that PE clothing is practical, comfortable and appropriate to the activity involved

3 Affordability and Branded Uniform

The school is committed to ensuring that the cost of uniform is reasonable and does not create a barrier to attendance.

From September 2026, compulsory branded items will be limited to no more than 3. Branded items include logos, supplier-specific items, or distinctive designs. The school keeps branded items to a minimum and allows generic alternatives.

4 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Children also become very upset if a treasured piece of jewellery goes missing. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them to prevent them from causing injury. Inexpensive watches may be worn in school. Children should not wear friendship bracelets or charity wrist bands to school (apart from on special days eg Red Nose Day).

5 Hair and makeup

Hairstyles that significantly disrupt learning may be addressed. The school will ensure policies do not discriminate against any protected characteristic. Long hair should be tied back for PE or when working with tools in practical sessions. Hair accessories such as hair bands, should be discreet and reflect the school uniform colours.

Make up is not acceptable and any child wearing make up to school will be required to remove it.

Nail varnish and false nails should not be worn on fingernails.

6 Footwear

In order to look smart and not injure their feet or ankles, the children should wear sensible enclosed plain black or brown shoes. Plain, practical footwear is preferred; logos should be minimal where possible. During colder months, boots can be worn in school, however, they must not have a heel or platform and must be lower than the calf. Trainers or plimsolls can be worn on the field during the lunch break.

7 Second-Hand Uniform

The school actively promotes the use of second-hand uniform to support affordability and sustainability.

- The PTFA regularly runs second-hand uniform sales
- Parents/carers can access good quality pre-owned uniform at low or no cost
- The school encourages donation and reuse of uniform items
- Information about second-hand uniform is available via the school office and website

Parents experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the school for additional support.

8 Inclusion and Equality

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faiths. Adjustments will be made for religious, cultural or individual needs.

9 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 for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair and this is reflected in our home-school agreement.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons linked to religion or beliefs that require a particular dress code for example wearing or carrying a specific religious artefact, not cutting hair, dressing modestly or covering of the head, school will look sympathetically at such requests. We will also consider the needs of individual pupils where the uniform policy may need to be adapted. If any parent has comments/ideas relating to school uniform they should make representation to the Headteacher in the first instance.

10 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 Governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Governors support the Headteacher in addressing serious non-compliance and breaching the School's Uniform Policy. Although it is recognised that for primary aged children it is the responsibility of parents to support the school, pupils can be disciplined for breaching the school rules on appearance or uniform in line with DFE guidance 'School uniform – Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and local authorities. Initially, pupils will be reminded of the uniform policy. This will be followed by contacting parents to remind them of our policy and their responsibilities in supporting the policy. If the breach in policy continues parent may be asked to bring the appropriate clothing into school for their child. No pupil will be excluded or denied education due to inability to meet uniform requirements, particularly where cost is a factor

11 Monitoring and review

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy through its committee 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.