



Freshford Church School School Uniform Guidance

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1 Statement of Intent

Our uniform guidance has been developed in line with the BWMAT Uniform Policy. One of the aims of our school uniform is to support and promote our culture of inclusion. We wish to protect our children from external or peer pressure to wear certain clothing, change their hair or wear additional adornments that they would not otherwise choose to adopt. We want to remain a school that cares about who we are and where children show compassion and kindness to all in our community. We wish to avoid children being distracted by the purely superficial. We also believe that our uniform promotes a sense of cohesiveness and pride and gives our children a sense of belonging in our school community.

Thank you for your support of our uniform policy as this helps us to promote a healthy culture for all of our children within school.

2. The School Uniform

Worn 3 or 4 full days each week

- Navy zip-up fleece *
- Navy polo shirt
- Navy jumper *
- Dark grey skirt/pinafore dress/trousers/shorts
- Navy check summer dress/playsuit
- Navy tights
- Black shoes that are sensible for everyday wear and play. No sandals.

- Indoor shoes with a hard sole (e.g. canvas or croc style). EYFS and KS1 children only (George and BTS classes only)

** These items need a school logo. Non-logo navy polo-shirts can also be worn.*

We ask all EYFS and KS1 children to keep a pair of named wellies in school in readiness for welly walks, wet playtimes, and outdoor learning.

2.1 School PE kit

Worn 1 or 2 full days each week

- Navy cotton PE T-shirt **
- Grey PE hoodie *
- Navy tracksuit bottoms/shorts/skort/leggings
- Dark coloured trainers that are as plain as possible and sensible for everyday wear and play

** These items need a school logo*

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We ask that on the days that the children have their PE lessons they come to school in their PE kit. We have found that this has greatly enhanced the time children have for PE sessions, with no time being wasted changing at the start and end of each session. On days when children have a sports club, they will need to wear their uniform and change after school.

2.2 Book bags

As we only have limited space, we ask that all children use the schoolbook bag bearing the school logo. No backpacks please unless for carrying clothing for after school sports clubs.

2.3 Water Bottle

All children should bring a water bottle into school every day: this can be refilled by children whenever necessary during the day. Water bottles must be labelled with the child's name. No air-up or bottles with flavoured discs.

2.4 Uniform Supplier

Our uniform supplier for items with a school logo is My Clothing. Non-logo items can be purchased from a retailer of your choice. For a link to the My Clothing Freshford school uniform shop visit www.freshfordschool.org.uk/uniform-information.

3. Cost and Availability

The school is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money.

Every care is taken to ensure that our uniform is affordable for all families.

The school does not amend uniform requirements regularly and takes the views of parents/carers and pupils into account when considering changes to school uniforms.

Only logo items need to be purchased from our supplier (M&S), all other items can be purchased from retail outlets of your choice.

4. Second Hand Uniform

A second hand uniform sale run by the PTA takes place at ad-hoc times through out the

year. Second hand uniform can be purchased for a small donation at any time via the office.

5. Adverse Weather

During times of hot weather / sunshine, children are expected to wear a hat while outside. In cases of extreme heat, the school will advise if / when children can attend school in non-uniform / lighter clothing.

We ask that all children have a suitable coat for the weather, and during cold weather children should have a hat and gloves.

Additional layers underneath the usual school uniform are also accepted.

6. Unacceptable Clothing / Accessories

In order that we can preserve a school culture in which it is the individual child who is seen as a unique and special person, rather than her, his or their clothes, jewellery, hairstyle, branded clothing or other additional adornments, we additionally request that our children do not come into school with:

- Painted fingernails
- Extreme haircuts
- Jewellery (other than plain stud earrings in pierced ears)
- Items of clothing that are branded or not school uniform
- Mobile phones
- Smart watches

6.1 Hair Styles

We ask that long hair is tied up. This is to avoid health and safety risks and ensure that children's vision is not impeded. Large, excessive hair accessories should not be worn; however, small hair clips or plain headbands are acceptable. Hair extensions are not permitted. At the Head Teacher's discretion, there may be exceptions to the above in extreme circumstances e.g. a pupil may be permitted to cover their hair if they have hair loss / illness etc.

6.2 Make-Up

False nails and nail extensions are not permitted. Only clear nail varnish may be worn. Children are not allowed to wear make-up. Pupils wearing make-up are required to remove it or, if appropriate, will be sent home to remove it. At the Head Teacher's discretion, there may be exceptions to the above in extreme circumstances e.g. a pupil may be permitted to cover heavy scarring/skin damage.

7. Non-Compliance

On rare occasions, for example, if slogans on clothing are offensive, the Head Teacher is permitted to ask a pupil to take off the clothing. In the event that they cannot take the clothing off, parents/carers will be contacted and they will be asked to bring in more suitable uniform/clothing.

On other occasions if a child is wearing or does not have appropriate items of clothing e.g. suitable footwear, a member of staff will inform parents/carers by telephone, written communication or in-person.

Individual family circumstances will be considered in the event that a child is not wearing the correct uniform. However, in accordance with our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy any concerns around the reason why will be recorded using our electronic safeguarding

system (CPOMS).

As a school we wish to work with families to resolve breaches of this guidance which are satisfactory to both the school and the family.

8. Lost Property

All pupils' clothing and footwear must be clearly labelled with their name. Clothing and footwear are the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. If by accident a child goes home in another child's clothing, please return the clothing to the school office asap. Any lost clothing is kept in the lost property bin (located outside the office). All named lost property will be returned to the owner. Any unnamed items are retained for a term and disposed at the end of term if it has not been collected.