



# Bentley CE Primary School School Uniform Policy

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It is the policy of Bentley CE Primary School that all children wear school uniform when attending school, representing the school e.g. on offsite activities, or when participating in a school organised event inside or outside of normal school hours.

### **Aims and Objectives**

We encourage children to take pride in wearing their school uniform as we believe that it helps to achieve a sense of belonging and identity. It is also practical and smart, prevents children from coming into school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class, makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and is designed with health and safety in mind.

When designing this policy we have taken into account the total cost of school uniforms and the need to keep this affordable for parents.

### **Our Uniform**

The items listed below are required unless stated otherwise. However, it is not compulsory for children to wear items bearing the school logo and it is acceptable for them to wear generic plain items available from high street and online retailers in the same colour.

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirts
- Green cardigans or jumpers/sweatshirts (preferably embroidered with the school logo)
- Green and white dresses may be worn in warmer months (optional)
- PE kit - green shorts and white T- shirts
- Dark jogging/tracksuit bottoms
- Grey socks/tights unless wearing green and white dress when white socks can be worn.

### **Uniform Supplier for Branded Items**

Uniform bearing the school logo is available to order direct from 'Your school Uniform' or 'My Clothing' (details are on the school website) and parents are able to choose whether to have the order sent to their home address or to the school for them to collect.

The school have used these companies for many years and have found that the garments they supply are durable and of good quality. However, the school will periodically monitor the cost and quality of the garments that they supply to ensure that they provide value for money.

### **Second-hand Uniform**

Our PTFA have a uniform shed on the school playground. Parents can access the shed whenever they need, by asking the school office for a key. Items are sold in return for donations rather than at set prices and the parents can then give a donation to the PTFA via their website. All proceeds go to PTFA and are used towards funding experiences, activities and equipment for our children.

## **Footwear**

School shoes should be black and sensible i.e. not open sandals. Whilst trainers or plimsolls are perfectly acceptable for PE they are not considered suitable for wearing all day except on the days that children have PE and come into school wearing their PE Kit. If a child needs to wear alternative footwear this should be discussed and agreed with the Head Teacher.

## **Jewellery**

Watches and small objects of religious significance or items such as medi-alert bracelets may be worn but other jewellery such as necklaces and rings are not permitted. Discreet earrings may be worn but must be taken out or taped for PE. If your child is not able to remove earrings themselves, please either remove them or tape them before they come to school on days that they have PE.

## **Hair and Make Up**

For reasons of health, safety and inclusion, the following rules will apply:

- long hair should be tied back neatly
- pupils should not come to school with hair dye applied
- make-up and nail polish should not be worn by pupils in school

## **Outdoor Wear**

As a school, we are very keen to promote a love of the outdoors to our pupils. The children take part in Forest Explorers each year and our teachers are encouraged to incorporate Outdoor Learning across the National Curriculum and therefore we do spend a lot of time outside. It would be very helpful if your child could keep a pair of wellington boots at school and that they bring clothes which are suitable for the weather conditions e.g. rain coats, sun hats.

## **Role of Parents**

We ask all parents to support the school uniform policy by:

- Ensuring that their child arrives in school correctly dressed and that the clothing is clean and in good repair.
- Ensuring that all items of uniform and clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. This will help us to return it to your child should it go astray. Any unmarked items will be taken to the School Office and can be claimed from there. If you think your child has lost an item of clothing, please do ask at the office.

If parents have any concerns or worries about any aspect of the School Uniform Policy, they should contact the School Office in the first instance.

## **Inclusion**

We understand that there may be reasons why children may not be able to wear certain items of uniform or may be required to wear clothing which differs from the uniform listed above e.g. for religious or medical reasons and the school will look sensitively at such

requests. In such circumstances, parents are invited to bring this to the attention of the Headteacher in the first instance.

### **Changes to School Uniform**

The school will keep to a minimum the number of changes that it makes to school uniform. Any significant changes would be notified well in advance and would be implemented over an extended period of time to minimise the financial impact for parents.