

The British School Uniform Policy **Reviewed May 2024**

Aims and Objectives

At The British School we promote our school values of support and respect; engage and aim high; and courage and resilience through everything we do.

Our policy is based on the following belief that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in our school
- is practical and smart
- helps create a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the children with the school
- prevents the children from wearing "fashion" clothes that could be distracting in class
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of what they wear

Equality & equal opportunities:

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that our school uniform respects - and allows for - the individual circumstances of all groups and individuals. The British School is committed to creating a positive climate, that will enable everyone to work free of discrimination and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

Staff and Governors will be happy to discuss any circumstances that make wearing any of the uniform (listed below), difficult. An appropriate adaption can be discussed. Please contact your class teacher in the first instance. Any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis. Judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.

Uniform

No items require a logo or need to be bought from a specific place.

Please be aware that The British School PTA has an array of previously loved uniform at very reasonable prices. Please ask at the office or contact the PTA via email - ptathebritishschool.wue@gmail.com

We ask that all uniform and any other items brought in from home are named.

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

- Navy Blue round-neck sweatshirt / v neck cardigan / fleece
- Light blue polo shirt or shirt - long or short sleeves
- Plain dark grey or black shorts/trousers/skirts/pinafore dress
- Plain dark grey or black tights or socks.
- Black, flat footwear
- Blue gingham summer dress/skirt/shorts/playsuit
- Plain white socks.

No open-toed shoes

PE kit:

- House coloured round neck T-shirt (yellow, blue or green depending on the house they are in - please ask at the school office if you are unsure).
- Plain black or navy shorts/skort/leggings/jogging bottoms
- School sweatshirt, or an alternative plain black or navy sweatshirt. No logos or branding are allowed.
- Trainers or plimsolls.

Jewellery:

The only jewellery allowed, is one small, plain stud in pierced ears. These must be removed or covered with a plaster during all PE activities.

Watches may be worn to school. However, they must be removed for PE lessons. *The school will be unable to take any responsibility for any lost items.*

Make up:

No make up or nail varnish should be worn.

Hair:

Hair should be neat and tidy, with no extremes of style or colour.

Long hair should be tied back whilst at school for safety and hygiene reasons.

Hair accessories should be small, discreet and in keeping with the uniform.

The role of the class teacher and support staff:

- To monitor standards of uniform within their own classes, by reinforcing the school's expectations and referring any issues to the Head Teacher.
- To set a good example in term of dress, by dressing smartly and appropriately for their role.

- To wear appropriate clothing when teaching PE lessons.
- Teachers will have the option to wear their school hoodie when delivering PE lessons.

The role of the Head Teacher and Governing Body:

- To ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy and to act accordingly when they do not.
- The Head Teacher has a duty to enforce the uniform policy throughout the school community.
- The Governing Body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform, handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DfES guidelines and not resort to exclusion from the school, where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the parents and guardians:

- To ensure that the(ir) children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- To ensure that the(ir) children come to school in the correct uniform every day, unless there are special circumstances, such as a school trip or non-uniform day.
- To raise any complaints about the school uniform policy, by following the school complaints policy.

Next review: May 2025