

Belmont Cheveley Park Primary School



School Uniform Policy

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Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours where appropriate.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- creates a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- 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;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind;
- Is recyclable at no cost

School uniform

Parents are requested to ensure that their children dress sensibly for school.

- ❖ Knee-length black/grey skirts - skirts must be a respectable length (to or just above the knee)
- ❖ Black/grey school uniform trousers
- ❖ Grey school dress/pinafore
- ❖ White polo-shirt
- ❖ Red cardigan or jumper
- ❖ A summer dress or school uniform grey/black shorts are acceptable as a summer alternative (shorts must be to or just above the knee)
- ❖ Plain black school shoes/boots/trainers

The white polo shirts and red jumpers/cardigans can be branded with our school logo and purchased via our website – or they can be shop bought (we do not insist that uniform is branded with our logos).

Cheveley Uniform Swap Shop

We have a thriving second-hand/pre-loved uniform swap shop located in the main entrance of the school. This is regularly stocked using donations from our parents and carers and we encourage parents to regularly peruse this service and help themselves. No donations are required.

We also have a PE uniform which consists of:

- ❖ White t-shirt
- ❖ Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings (shorts must be to or just above the knee)
- ❖ Team Cheveley hoodie (optional)
- ❖ Plain black trainers

Children wear their PE kits for the full day in school – on the days when they have PE lessons. Team Cheveley hoodies are **only** to be worn on PE days – as PE kit.

Nursery children are actively encouraged to wear the school uniform, especially the school jumper/cardigan.

Parents are advised to label clothing with their child's name so that lost items can easily be traced.

Items of uniform are available to order at <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/belmont-cheveley-park-primary-school.html>

The school also regularly recycles items of uniform at no cost and supports the use of the Benevolent Fund. If you require help with uniform please contact a member of the office team, who will be happy to assist.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we only allow children to wear jewellery on non-PE days. Jewellery items must be small, discrete and deemed by staff to be safe and appropriate.

Children are allowed to wear watches in school – but any watch with a camera, recording or internet connectivity function will not be permitted.

Staff have the right to ask children to remove any items of jewellery including watches if it is thought they are not appropriate for school. Items will be sent home with children at the end of the day. We do not accept any responsibility for items of jewellery which may become damaged or lost while worn at school.

Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. All children need to wear plain black shoes as stated in the uniform list with the exception of the summer term where flat sandals can be worn. However, non-fastening/open-toe sandals are inappropriate.

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.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

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.

Monitoring and review

It is the responsibility of the governing body to monitor and review the school uniform policy 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;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.