

8th July 2019

RE: BCPS & WCPS School Uniform and PE Kit

Dear Parents,

We are at the stage in the year when elements of school uniform may need replacing. While it primarily applies to Year 6, please email your child's teacher or speak to them in person if you have any concerns regarding meeting uniform requirements before the end of the term. The general principle is that we wish all children to wear appropriate school uniform throughout the academic year. In particular, this is often an issue with footwear. We expect all children to wear **smart black shoes** despite the current fashion for trainers that are either all black Vans or the equivalent style in other makes.

I hope that the information below is helpful when purchasing uniform for the next academic year.

1. We wish all children to be wearing smart black school shoes and not black trainers.
2. All children need a logoed school jumper or school cardigan that should be worn to school every day.
3. All children should wear a white polo shirt. A logoed polo shirt is available; this is our preferred option, although this is optional.
4. We would like boys to wear grey trousers and girls to wear either grey trousers or skirt, or in the summer term a checked royal blue dress. Some children do wear black trousers but the preference is grey.
5. All children should have a PE kit consisting of a logoed navy t-shirt with navy sports shorts and navy socks. On colder days the children will need the logoed navy hoody with matching navy jogging trousers. We have differentiated the colour from the uniform to ensure that children do change and that they do not get their school uniform sweaty or dirty.
6. Children will need to wear trainers rather than plimsolls for PE. These can be any make and any colour but affordable and good quality.
7. From year 1 upwards we require children to have a pair of football boots for use in the winter months on the field. Football boots can be of any style. Children who are doing such activities, but don't have boots, will be unable to participate in the lessons. We issue games letters at the beginning of the year which highlight the terms when your child may be doing field based activities such as football and tag rugby. We understand there is a cost implication however, football boots in the wet, winter months are required for health and safety. Whilst some parents have suggested using trainers instead, I'm afraid this is not possible. Trainers are not adequate footwear and when they get muddy, the mud is transferred on to the playgrounds and indoors which creates further issues for the school.

8. There are a range of other school uniform options including the reversible school fleece, a school cap for the summer, a book bag and a school ruck sack. The book bags are provided to all new intake children, however if they are lost and need replacing then these will need to be purchased.

Please note you can order school uniform via your child's Wisepay account. The uniform will then be delivered to school for you to collect.

On a final note, it is very important that your child brings their PE kit to school with them for their PE lessons, after school activities and any matches that they will be participating in as we will not be able to lend PE kit. **If your child is in an afterschool activity but does not have their right clothing to participate then we will place them into the after school care provision and you will be charged at the published rates.**

Hopefully I have detailed clearly the expectations of the school. If your child is not wearing the correct items, including footwear, we will speak to children initially and then the parents of those children to ascertain if there are issues and if we are able to support in any way.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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