



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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1. Rationale

As a school we believe that all children should wear school uniform in order to help create and maintain a purposeful learning environment.

It is our policy that all children should wear the Branwood school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our prospectus and on our website. We also make the requirements of what should be worn and when very clear to the whole school community through the school prospectus, text messages, and letters.

2. Aims and Objectives

Our policy is based on the belief that uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and engenders a feeling of community and belonging. We believe that uniform is smart, practical, identifies the children with the school, is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be), makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance, is regarded as suitable and good value for money by most parents, and has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. School Uniform

Due to the school having a summer and winter uniform it is essential to highlight what should be worn at what times:

<u>Girls' Winter Uniform (Winter term & Spring term)</u> • Grey Box Pleated Skirt (F3 - F6)* • Grey Box Pleated Pinafore (KG1 - F2)* • Gold Blouse • Branwood Branded Tie • Plain Dark Grey Tights • Branwood Branded Cardigan • Branwood Branded Blazer • Branwood Branded School Bag • Branwood Branded School Coat • Branwood Branded School Winter Hat • Branded Hat – no scarves • Branded pinafore and skirt available from Whittakers	<u>Boys' Winter Uniform (Winter term & Spring term)</u> • Grey Trousers • Grey Shirt • Branwood Branded Tie • Plain Dark Grey Socks • Branwood Branded Jumper • Branwood Branded Blazer • Branwood Branded School Bag • Branwood Branded School Coat • Branwood Branded School Winter Hat • Branded Hat – no scarves
<u>Girls' Winter PE Kit (Winter term & Spring term)</u> • Branwood Branded Joggers & ¼ zip Sweatshirt • Plain White Socks • Branwood Branded T-shirt • Sturdy Trainers (fit for sports not fashion items)	<u>Boys' Winter PE Kit (Winter term & Spring term)</u> • Branwood Branded Joggers & ¼ zip Sweatshirt • Plain White Socks • Branwood Branded T-shirt • Sturdy Trainers (fit for sports not fashion items)

<u>Girls' Summer Uniform (Summer term)</u> • Branwood Branded Gold Summer Dress • Plain White Tights or Socks • Branwood Branded Cardigan • Branwood Branded Blazer • Branwood Branded School Bag • Branwood Branded School Coat • Branwood Branded School Summer Hat	<u>Boy's Summer Uniform (Summer term)</u> • Lower School (KG1 – F2) Grey Shorts • Upper School (F3 – F6) Grey Trousers or Shorts • Short Sleeved Grey Shirt • Branwood Branded Tie (can be taken off if form teacher allows during the day due to temperature) • Plain Dark Grey Socks • Branwood Branded Jumper • Branwood Branded Blazer • Branwood Branded School Bag • Branwood Branded School Coat • Branwood Branded School Summer Hat
<u>Girls' Summer PE Kit (Summer term)</u> • Branwood Branded Skort/Shorts • Plain White Socks • Branwood Branded T-shirt • Sturdy Trainers (fit for sports not fashion items)	<u>Boys' Summer PE Kit (Summer term)</u> • Branwood Branded Shorts • Plain White Socks • Branwood Branded T-shirt • Sturdy Trainers (fit for sports not fashion items)
<u>Swimming</u> • Plain dark coloured swimming costume / trunks. • Plain dark coloured swimming hat Children will need a towel and bag to contain their swimming kit.	
<u>Note</u> Any changes due to specific requirements of the school day e.g. trips or special events will be announced to parents with as much notice as possible.	

4. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs, a watch and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix or a chain. We ask children either to remove the objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster. During swimming the children are asked to remove earrings altogether unless permission is given by the parents. Badges on blazers should only be school awarded badges, such as house or prefect.

5. Extreme Haircuts and Hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Children with long hair should have it tied up in a smart and tidy manner; bobbles, slides and ribbons should be in school colours or a natural colour and not fashion items.

Hair should be of a natural colour. Fine highlights, thick blocks, stripes and unnatural colours are not permitted. If students break the regulations on hair they may be suspended from lessons and/or sent home. The school will contact parents if this situation arises.

Nail varnish is not permitted.

6. Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Neither do we allow children to come into school on a non-PE day wearing trainers; these are appropriate for sport or as leisure wear but are not in-keeping with the smart appearance of a formal school uniform. We require the children to wear sturdy sensible black school shoes, which mean those that have a reasonable grip and are smart. This means ballet pump style shoes or boots are not allowed.

7. The Role of Parents and Carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to Branwood to support the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and fits well.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example religious reasons, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at requests which are made to the Headteacher. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents and carers are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

8. The Role of the Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this 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 national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

A copy of the full uniform list is given to all parents new to the school and is available upon request from the school office at any time during the year. The main supplier of our uniform is Whittakers in Swinton. The school also has a small stock of second-hand uniform which is available for parents

throughout the year. We strongly advise parents to label ALL items of uniform, so that in the event of an item being lost it can more easily be returned to its owner.

9. Monitoring Uniform

Form staff will monitor that the correct items of uniform are worn and if necessary, send a letter home to parents to ensure that the child has the correct uniform for the next day. If there are specific reasons for why the correct uniform is not being worn, then the Form staff will treat this on an individual basis.

10. Review of the Policy

When monitoring and reviewing this policy on an annual basis the governing body and Headteacher will consider any requests from parents or carers for individual children to have special dispensations.

11. Links to Other Policies

The School Uniform Policy should be read in conjunction with the Equal Opportunities Policy depending upon the reason for referring to policies.