



*“Creating excellence, embracing all.”*

## Uniform Policy

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### Botley School Vision statement

A high-quality education in a positive and happy school, where everyone is included, celebrated and encouraged to be a creative lifelong learner.

### Botley School Values

*Inclusivity*

*Teamwork*

*Kindness*

*Respect*

*Resilience*

*Creativity*



## **Principles**

Our policy is that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with our purposeful learning ethos. We believe that when pupils look smart and take pride in wearing the uniform, it helps them to feel ready to learn and proud of Botley School. Wearing a uniform enables all pupils to feel equal to one another in school. We also believe that certain school activities, including Physical Education and Forest School are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing (including organised events outside normal school hours).

## **Aims**

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothing might be)
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense of community and of diversity that the school takes pride in
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents/carers.

## **All children (Reception – Year 6) need:**

- Red sweat shirt/ cardigan (School logo optional)
- White polo t-shirt
- Grey or black school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress/shorts or red gingham dress
- Black flat sensible school shoes (shoes are to be plain with no coloured logos, plain black trainers are acceptable). School shoes with Velcro should be worn until children are able to tie their own shoe laces.
- Plain white/grey/black/red socks/tights
- Red Botley School book bag in Early Years and KS1 (optional in KS2)

Parents should be aware of the weather conditions when choosing uniform for their child. For example, shorts or skirts without tights are not suitable in winter months when the temperature is colder.

## **Physical Education**

We believe that children should change into a correct kit for PE. Pupils should change to and from the appropriate PE kit for the lesson. During the week, pupils will have one outdoor PE lesson (Sports and Games) and one indoor PE lesson (Dance or Gymnastics) Having the correct items of PE Kit in school every day enables pupils to change to the appropriate kit to keep them safe in their PE lesson and ensures high standards of hygiene. It is also an important part of teaching younger pupils how to look after themselves independently. The PE uniform is as follows:

- PE T-shirt colour dependent on House Team. (Yellow, Red, Blue, Green)
- PE shorts/leggings for indoor Gymnastics or Dance
- Track-suit bottoms or leggings for outdoor Games or Sports during winter,

- Plimsolls/trainers
- PE Kit should be worn for any enrichment sporting clubs.
- All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, apart from the school logo.

A red PE bag with the Botley School logo is available from our school office team if you wish.

### **Swimming: (Years 3 to 6 only)**

- Swimming trunks or swimsuit (no bikinis)
- Swimming hat
- Swimming goggles (with appropriate parental permission)
- Towel

### **Forest School Kit**

At Botley we value the use of our wonderful outside spaces and firmly believe that there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing. Pupils do not need to fully change for Forest school in the same way as PE, as long as their uniform includes long sleeves and their legs are covered to comply with the health and safety Forest School Risk Assessment. We recommend that pupils wear older, well-loved items of school uniform on forest School days to avoid damage to new items of uniform.

- Wellies (named and in a named bag)
- Long sleeved top (during winter this can be their normal school jumper)
- Trousers or leggings (this can be normal school trousers with over trousers (see next bullet)
- Over trousers are provided in Early Years and KS1, but are optional in KS2. Over trousers are a good idea when it is wet. The site can get muddy and they can protect ordinary trousers.
- Waterproof coat
- If the weather is cold, you will need a hat and gloves.

### **Jewellery, Make-up and Headwear**

- On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school except for small studs and watches, unless there is a religious teaching that states that the pupil must wear jewellery.
- Watches must be simple analogue or digital watches. No smart watches or Fitbits
- When Swimming, all jewellery must be removed.
- We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, unless there are medical reasons, or there is a religious teaching that states that the pupil must wear the headdress.
- Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn.

### **Hairstyles**

- Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be discrete and should be soft enough to wear during PE lessons.
- Pupils must have smart hairstyles.

- Hairstyles not considered smart include shaved logos, mohawks or unnatural coloured hair dyes.
- Hair must be of a single, natural colour.

### **SEND and Accessibility for uniform**

The school recognises that some pupils may have specific medical or learning needs or disabilities which impact on the clothing that they can wear to access education. Where this is the case, the decision on how the uniform rules will be adapted is at the discretion of the school.

### **Where to purchase uniform**

- School uniform that includes logos are available through the school office. This includes PE T-shirts, school jumpers book bags and PE bags. Further information is available on our school website: [Uniform Information | Botley School](#)
- The rest of our uniform does not include a logo and can be purchased from any shop supplying school uniforms, including most supermarkets.
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### **Role of the Class Teachers and Support Staff**

- To set a good example in terms of dress.
- To also change for teaching PE lessons and model task appropriate dress and hygiene standards
- To remind children to wear school uniform. The class teacher will speak to children, or the parents/carers of children who do not wear the correct uniform. If they still are not wearing the uniform they are to be referred to a member of the leadership team or the Headteacher.

### **Role of the Head teacher**

- The Head teacher is to ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Head teacher has a duty to enforce the school uniform throughout the school community, as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school.
- The Head teacher will speak to the parents/carers of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.
- The school will follow the [DfE \(Department for Education\) guidelines](#) in regard to implementation of the school uniform policy and when a pupil/parent/carer fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

### **Role of the Parents/Carers**

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- To ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with their child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for that belonging to another child. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.
- Ensure that children come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.