

Christ Church (Brondesbury) CE Primary School

School Uniform Policy



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Going for **GOLD** with faith

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School Vision

Christ Church (Brondesbury) CE Primary School is a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive school at the centre of our diverse local community. We are perceived as a “family” by all who know us.

As a Christian school, we encourage everyone to be their best and to grow in God's creation. We provide a supportive, safe, respectful and reflective environment in which all flourish irrespective of their culture and belief.

We provide the highest standard of learning for all of our community and encourage them to pursue aspirational goals.

The school's vision is deeply rooted within the scripture passage:

2 Corinthians 8:7

“But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, and in all eagerness and in the love from us that is in you—make sure that you excel in this act of kindness too.”

Our vision is embedded within the Christian values of:

Compassion, Respect, Friendship, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Wisdom.

Our vision is expressed by all as **“Going for GOLD with faith”**.

This is explained and explored below:

Vision	Demonstrated as
Give learning your best	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try your best at everything• Follow the “give me five” rules
Own your choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be respectful and polite• Be honest and take responsibility for your words and actions
Love yourself, as God loves you	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love yourself, for you are special• Love your neighbours with all your heart
Dream big, work hard and pray	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aim high• Always be ready to learn• With prayer, everything is possible

This policy reflects and supports our school vision in that through our School Uniform Policy we strive to “...provide a supportive, safe and respectful environment in which all flourish...”. This is echoed in our Going for GOLD with faith statement through “Love yourself and your neighbours as God loves you” and in the excellence theme of our bible passage.

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending Christ Church (Brondesbury) C of E Primary School and when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. The school Governors and Leadership team consider personal appearance of the greatest importance and all pupils are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. Uniformity encourages a sense of economic and social equality and we are committed to ensuring that all children feel this. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that their child arrives at school in accordance with the School Uniform Policy.

Rationale

We believe that the wearing of school uniform encourages children to have sense of belonging, pride and of being part of a school community. It is an outward expression of the school's identity and promotes a feeling of self-respect and equality. In addition we believe that the wearing of a uniform as opposed to leisure wear contributes to helping children understand that they come to school to learn.

Legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- Allow all pupils to style their hair **in a way that is appropriate for school** and makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with the Headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Aims and Objectives

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

Clarify our expectations for school uniform

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Promotes a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes can be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind

Uniform

EYFS – Nursery and Reception	
Uniform	PE Kit
Green logo school sweatshirt *	Gold t-shirt
Green jogging bottoms	Green shorts
Gold polo shirt	Black plimsolls/trainers
Plain black shoes or trainers	

Key Stage 1 & 2 (Year 1 – 6)	
Uniform	PE Kit
Green logo school jumper (v-neck) *	Gold t-shirt
White school shirt (not polo shirt)	Green P.E. shorts
School tie *	Green jogging bottoms (where appropriate)
Grey trousers	Plain black plimsolls or trainers
School tartan skirt *	
Black shoes	
Grey/green/white socks or tights	
Short-sleeved white shirt (not polo shirt)	
Plain black shoes or trainers	

Items marked with an asterisk (*) are available from our School Uniform providers: ACE clothing. Please see the school office staff for ordering information.

Please note that this school dress code applies all year round and that the traditional school summer dresses are no longer part of the school uniform policy.

Children are not allowed to wear the following, **hoodies, denims, leather or brightly coloured hats or scarves or any item of clothing with branding or logos which are not official school uniform items. These items do not comply Christ Church C E Primary School's Uniform Policy.**

As fashion trends can vary, the school reserves the right to introduce additional instructions regarding uniform and presentation as and when necessary to preserve the general ethos of the School Uniform Policy.

Christ Church School recognises that at times, individuals may wear clothing or jewellery of a religious nature. Whilst we respect the significance of these items, we ask that they are worn under the school uniform in order to maintain the ethos of this policy and to keep the child safe from snagging items during school activities. Any visible clothing, such as head coverings should be bottle green or black to reflect school uniform.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents/carers to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

Jewellery

In the interest of health and safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small studs in pierced ears and a black strapped watch. We ask children to remove jewellery during PE and games.

Hair

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Whereas we respect the styles and traditions of our diverse community, pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair or eyebrows

- Boys and girls with hair which is shoulder length or longer must have this neatly tied back at all times with a plain black or green elastic band. If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band to tie hair up with.
- Fringes should blend in naturally with the hairstyle and be cut above the eye line. Fringes should not be tufted, spiked or a different thickness to the rest of the hair.
- Any hair accessory worn by your child should be discrete and bottle green, yellow or black in colour. The accessory should serve the purpose of keeping hair tidy and not be worn for decorative purposes. Elastic bands and hair bands must not have bobbles, flowers, bows etc.

attached to them. If a hair band must be worn to keep hair tidy, this should be discrete and thin (no more than 5mm).

- Children with braided hair should ensure the style is sensible and simple. There should be no patterns, swirls or various lengths.
- Hairstyles must not incorporate any unnatural designs including ticks, lines and swirls.

The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed. This also helps with health & safety in PE because some of the styling products can come off onto the PE mats, causing them to have a slippery surface which is obviously dangerous for any child.

If children come to school with styles that are not permitted within the letter or the spirit of the School Uniform Policy, parents will be contacted and advised that the style must be rectified immediately.

It is not possible to foresee misinterpretations of the policy or to predict future fashion trends so parents are reminded of the expectation that the decision of the school in such matters is to be respected at all times.

Make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

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.

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 the responsibility to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

In order to minimise the risk of items becoming lost, we advise parents to clearly write their child's name on the labels of each item of clothing.

If a child attends school without the correct school uniform or PE kit, coat or shoes, the Parent/Guardian will be contacted and requested to bring in the correct uniform to school.

Failure to adhere to Christ Church C E Primary School Uniform Policy will result in a breach of our school uniform policy and you will be requested to collect your child from school or rectify immediately.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

This policy cannot deal with every possible new fashion and variation of dress and hairstyles. The Headteacher, supported by the Governing Body, reserves the right to take exception to hair styles and dress which deliberately breach the general school dress code.

Parental support expectations

In accepting an offer of a place and in sending your child to Christ Church C E Primary School, you are agreeing to fully support school policies, procedures and high expectations.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body and the appropriate parties every year or earlier if considered necessary.