



Bishop Chavasse C of E Primary School Uniform Policy

Approval Arrangements

All statutory policies in the Trust are ultimately the responsibility of the Trust Board. To enable it to discharge this responsibility appropriately and in collaboration with the constituent schools, the Trust Board will

1. set a full Trust wide policy,
2. set a 'policy principles' document (a framework within which Headteachers develop a full and appropriately customised policy),
3. or delegate to Headteachers or LGBs the power to develop their own policy.

This is a level 2 policy against the local Governing Body Trust Governance Plan.

Review Body: LGB

Approved: February 2024

Date of next review: February 2027

Review Period: 3 years.

This policy was adopted by the LGB, for implementation in Bishop Chavasse Church of England Primary School on the date above and supersedes any previous Uniform Policy.

Our school policies are written with the objective of continuously improving the school in our aim of realising the school's vision:

Bishop Chavasse School values every wonderfully and uniquely created child and adult; inspiring everyone to **fulfil their potential**, as we **achieve excellence together**. As Jesus teaches through the parable of the house on the rock: we **grow in wisdom**, supported by the *compassion* of God to establish firm, *honest* foundations on which every child can **build**.

'And the child grew and became strong in spirit and filled with wisdom.' Luke 2:40

1. Introduction and Context

At Bishop Chavasse school, every member of the school community is encouraged to feel valued and respected, and for all persons to be treated fairly. We believe a school uniform is important in building pupils' sense of identity and belonging to the community of the school. It instils a sense of pride in their school, promotes the ethos of the school, and supports positive behaviour. By creating a common identity amongst all pupils, regardless of background, a school uniform acts as a social

leveller, protecting pupils from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender or background. It can reduce potential bullying and peer pressure to wear the latest fashions and expensive clothing.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy has been written in accordance with:

DfE Guidance - School Uniform, updated 19th November 2021

DfE Statutory - Guidance Cost of School Uniforms, published 19th November 2021

Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021

Human Rights Act 1998

Equality Act 2010

3. Cost and Availability

Bishop Chavasse School is committed to meeting the DfE's recommendations on costs and value for money in order to ensure that the School Uniform Policy does not discourage parents/carers from applying for a school place for their child. We will work with parent groups to ensure that there are opportunities for parents to acquire second-hand school uniforms, and will publish details on the school website. The use of branded uniform items is kept to a minimum, and we consider the total costs of uniform, including PE kits and equipment. We work to ensure that our school uniform suppliers give the highest priority to costs and value for money, including quality and durability, and will ensure information is provided on various options for buying uniform, including through generic suppliers.

4. Uniform rationale

The uniform is based on meeting the following criteria:

- • creating a shared identity and common sense of purpose
- • smart and comfortable to wear
- • the PE kit is practical, comfortable and appropriate for the activity
- • our obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and Human Rights Act 1998
- • safeguarding and health and safety considerations
- • engaging with parents and pupils before introducing significant changes
- • cost and value for money

We aim to be considerate in the implementation of the uniform policy and reasonable adjustments will be considered individually. Please arrange an appointment with the Headteacher. We will be sensitive to supporting individual needs, without compromising school policies such as school safety or discipline.

We ask that ALL items of school clothing are named in order to help your child identify their clothing.

Please contact us on 01732 676040 or office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk for details about purchasing second-hand uniform. We also publish information on the school website.

Shoulder length or longer hair must be fully tied back at all times with plain black, blue or hair colour hair bands, this is to ensure the safety of all children.

Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of small plain stud earrings, which children must remove before participating in PE lessons. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please do so at the beginning of the summer holiday to allow them time to heal and to avoid impacting on their participation in PE. Nail varnish is not permitted.

EYFS uniform

In EYFS, we recognise that many children will have just mastered getting themselves dressed. Therefore, the uniform in EYFS only is as follows:

- Royal blue, school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo;
- White polo shirt, these can be purchased with the school logo or may be plain white. It is useful to have at least a couple with logos as we ask for these to be worn for easy identification on school trips;
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore: where possible, please purchase with elasticated waists, rather than with a button or fastener, to support your child's development stages;
- Black sturdy shoes (velcro where possible as the children need to be able to take them on and off independently through the day);
- Mid blue and white full gingham summer dress or gingham playsuit (terms 1, 5 and 6 only);
- Black or grey socks, or black or grey tights in winter, and white socks with gingham dresses/playsuits in summer;
- School logo book bag and school logo PE bag;
- A school water bottle is provided.

PE:

- House coloured T-Shirt (with school logo). Parents will be informed of their child's House at the welcome evening;
- Black shorts;
- Plain black tracksuit (with or without the school logo) for the colder months;
- Sturdy trainers. No plimsolls;
- School PE bag with logo.

Year 1 – Year 6 uniform

- Royal blue, school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo;
- White **shirt**;
- School tie which can be tied (KS2) or pre-knotted with elastic (KS1). These can be purchased from the school office;
- Grey trousers, shorts or skirt;
- Mid blue and white full gingham summer dress or gingham playsuit (terms 1, 5 and 6 only);
- Black or grey socks, black or grey tights in winter, and white socks with gingham dresses/playsuits in summer;
- Sturdy plain black shoes.

PE:

- House coloured T-Shirt (with school logo): parents will be informed which House their child is in;
- Black shorts;
- Plain black tracksuit (with or without the school logo);
- Sturdy trainers – no plimsolls;
- School PE bag with logo.

Optional:

- Blue school coat (reversible, waterproof, with logo).
- School backpack bag.
- School water bottle

We require all EYFS/KS1 children to have the school book bag. We recommend KS2 children purchase a school rucksack. We ask that **ALL** items of school uniform are permanently named. This is to ensure that any lost property can be returned to its correct owner.

Our school clothing supplier is **Paul Marchant**. Paul provides our parents with high quality uniform at reasonable prices. He can be contacted by phone: 01892 834372 or 07710 517237. Alternatively, you can email him at paulmarchant76@btinternet.com.

In addition, we have small items for sale in the school office and the Friends of Bishop Chavasse School Association provides a second-hand uniform shop. They can be contacted by email at friendsofbcsa@gmail.com.