



Bishop John Robinson
Church of England Primary School

School Uniform Policy

Be the best we can;

Join in Learning, Play and Prayer;

Remember God's Word

"Jesus is the Anchor of my Soul." Hebrews 9:16



The Diocese of
Southwark



Mission Statement

We want all adults and children to: **Be the best they can** in order to have best possible start in life and to make the most of the gifts God has given. To achieve this, we teach everyone *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart"* (Colossians 3:23) by;

- Set ambitious targets for all pupils and staff
- Continually look for ways to improve
- Have high expectations of behaviour for all

We encourage children to: **Join in Learning**, to promote academic excellence and to inspire everyone to value the importance of education in wider society. The bible teaches us God will *"Instruct us in the way of knowledge and wisdom and lead us along straight paths"* (Proverbs 4:11). To achieve this we;

- Provide an engaging curriculum with opportunities for learning in a variety of contexts
- Strive for all lessons to be focussed and engaging to allow all children to achieve
- Support deeper levels of understanding so that children can apply learning to different settings

For children to: **Join in Play** is important at BJR because Play is essential for everyone's social and emotional development. It is a vital life skill which helps children to form the adult they will become building trust, forgiveness and resilience. Play is the foundation for learning compassion and the Golden Rule *"Do to others as you would have them do to you"* (Luke 6:31). To promote positive play we;

- Have dedicated staff who promote play EVERY PLAYTIME
- Promote the importance of play through PLAY DAYS
- Invest in the playground as a learning resource

We want the school community to: **Join in Prayer** as Christians believe that this is fundamental to developing a relationship with God as well as giving thanks and praise. We should *"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, give thanks, because it is God's will."* (Thessalonians 5:16-18). We encourage this though;

- High quality collective worship for all children
- Daily acts of prayer
- Valuing the essential role of our School Chaplain

We believe that we should: **Remember God's Word**, as this is at the very Foundation of being a Christian school. In promoting a practical understanding and application of Christian Values we strive to; *"Train up a child in the way they should go, And when they are old they will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6) through;

- Providing High quality RE teaching and daily collective worship for all children
- Regular visits to church and other places of worship

In all aspects of school life, our school vision is key to ensuring that Bishop John Robinson CofE Primary School offers to best education money can't buy. Our history and naval links, our entire spiritual and ethical ethos, and our approach to the school's curriculum is rooted in our individual and corporate identity: *"Jesus is the anchor of my soul."* (Hebrews 9:16).

Aims

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

- supports the school vision in 'joining in learning, play and prayer'
- promotes a sense of pride in our school;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion;
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with the child's health and safety in mind;
- is considered good value for money by most parents;

Theological underpinning of this policy

The Oikumene symbol on the School Jumpers includes the symbol of the boat which has its origins in the gospel story of the calling of the disciples by Jesus and the stilling of the storm. It reminds us that we can put our trust in God and his son, Jesus Christ.

Literally translated, Oikumene means 'The inhabited earth' and has reference to the Ecumenical movement which promotes the unity of Christian Churches. At BJR, we translate this as **unity** and supports the school vision of 'Joining in learning, play and prayer'.

Purchasing of school uniform

- Branded uniform items including jumpers, book-bags can be ordered online from <http://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/> or <http://www.myclothing.com>
- Ties can be purchased from the school office. An elasticated tie is available for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) Children must learn to tie their own ties, unless using an elasticated tie.
- Other items such as shoes, blouses, shirts, skirts or trousers may be purchased at various shops, supermarkets or online

Uniform for autumn and spring Term

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or tunic
- Early Years and Key Stage 1: White Polo Shirt
- Key Stage 2: Plain white long sleeved or short sleeved blouse or collared shirt
- (Optional) Red and White checked dress
- Grey or black socks or tights
- School cardigan or sweatshirt (with the school logo)
- Sturdy black shoes fastened with elastic, laces, buckles or Velcro which the child is able to take on and off independently. Sandals, open footwear or shoes that do not protect the foot or can easily slip off are not allowed.
- School tie (for pupils in Key Stage 2)
- Book bag. Rucksacks are not permitted (due to limited storage space in classrooms).

Hair adornments

- Hairbands, hijabs, kippahs, turbans, topknots etc. are permitted in white, black or burgundy.
- Bows, ribbons and other hair adornments should also be in black, white or burgundy and must be able to be managed independently

Jewellery

- Jewellery is not allowed apart from;
 - Stud earrings in pierced ears

- Small objects of religious significance which have been specifically agreed by the headteacher

PE KIT:

Normal School uniform is not permissible for PE/Games. Each child must be equipped as outlined below. PE Kit must be kept in a clearly named (on the outside) PE Bag, brought to School each Monday and taken home for washing each Friday.

Indoor PE	Outdoor PE	Swimming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey or Black shorts • White T-shirt • Bare feet or black plimsolls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plimsolls or training shoes • Grey or Black shorts or jogging bottoms • White T-shirt • Grey or Black sweatshirt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming hat • Plain, single piece 'sports' swim suit • Plain swimming trunks or shorts

Staying smart

Whilst in school, all school staff should encourage and remind children to stay smart including;

- Keeping shirts tucked in during lesson times
- Making sure shoe laces are tied
- Ensuring school ties are tied correctly
- Coats, jumpers etc when not worn should be placed on pegs inside the classroom.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items.

If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues.

The views of parents will be taken into consideration should there be any change in the school uniform policy. This will usually be through parent groups for example Parents as Partners.

What happens if a child is not wearing school uniform?

Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from our stock of unclaimed lost property. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter if a child is persistently wearing incorrect uniform. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious or financial grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests

sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the head teacher.

Pupil Premium

Families in receipt of Pupil Premium may request support in purchasing items of school uniform. Once agreed, the family should present receipts from the purchase (including email receipts) which will then be reimbursed. Only items of correct school uniform will be reimbursed.