

**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.

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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;

- 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. 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. 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 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 he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it"* Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) through;

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

School Uniform

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 EYFS and KS1 while children in Y3 upwards are expected to learn to tie their own ties.
- Other items such as shoes, blouses, shirts, skirts or trousers may be purchased at various shops, supermarkets or online

Bishop John Robinson School Uniform

Uniform for autumn and spring Term

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or tunic
- Plain white long sleeved or short sleeved blouse or shirt
- Grey or black socks or tights
- School cardigan or sweatshirt (which must have 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 (elasticated ties in EYFS and KS1, real ties for KS2)
- Branded book bag

Optional Summer Term uniform

- Red/White checked dress
- White polo t-shirt
- BJR branded cap

Hair adornments

- Hairbands, hijabs, kippahs, turbans, topknots 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

Jewelry

- Jewelry is not allowed apart from:
 - Stud earrings in pierced ears
 - Small objects of religious significance which have been agreed by the head teacher

PE KIT:

Normal School uniform is not permissible for PE/Games. Each child must be equipped as outlined below every School day. 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.

<u>Indoor PE</u>	<u>Outdoor PE</u>	<u>Swimming</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White shorts• White T-shirt• Bare feet in hall except for children with a verruca, who may wear black plimsolls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plimsolls or training shoes• White shorts• White T-shirt• In colder weather, track suits may be worn. Tracksuits must be plain black or grey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming hat• Plain, single piece 'sports' swim suit• Plain swimming trunks

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
- Encouraging children NOT to tie jumpers around the waist
- Ensuring school ties are tied correctly

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.

Parents are encouraged to avoid purchasing jumpers other than those available from the online shops detailed in this policy. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

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.