



# Bickerstaffe

## C.E. School & Nursery

*Love each other as I have loved you...*

John 15:12

### School Uniform Policy

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 At Bickerstaffe CE School it is our policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, and when participating in a school-organised event within or outside normal school hours. A complete list of the items needed for school uniform is included in this policy, and it is displayed on the notice-board at the entrance to school.

#### 2. Aims and objectives

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

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Is practical and smart;
- Is affordable to all;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school; is designed with health and safety in mind

#### 3. Jewellery

3.1 On health & safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with 'micro-pore' in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury. This is provided by our Administrative Officer. Pupils should not wear ear-rings if they are attending swimming lessons.

#### 4. Extreme Haircuts, Hair styles and Accessories

4.1 The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or hair styles that could serve as a distraction to other children e.g. completely shaved heads; shaved designs; Mohawk cuts. Hair accessories, such as: hair bands, and ribbons, should be small and black/blue or school colours of blue and gold. Long hair should be tied up/back on health and safety grounds.

#### 5. Footwear

5.1 For health & safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe footwear that is dark in colour. Boots should not be worn as they represent a health & safety risk.

## **6. P.E.**

**6.1** Details of our P.E. kit can be found below. In winter pupils will require tracksuit bottoms & tops for colder weather. These should be navy blue in colour. All pupils need to ensure that their PE kit is in school at all times.

## **7. Role of Parents**

**7.1** We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the School Uniform Policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. If the school has a problem with clothing that a pupil is wearing parents will be contacted to resolve the issue.

**7.2** The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

## **8. The role of Governors**

**8.1** The Governing Body monitors and reviews the School Uniform Policy through the Curriculum and General Purposes Committee. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical. Due consideration has been given to securing 'best value' for money and availability; and school welcomes feedback from parents to this effect.

## **9 The role of the Headteacher**

**9.1** The Headteacher will decide what is to be done if a pupil's appearance is judged to be inappropriate. If any pupil arrives at school dressed inappropriately, they will either be asked to change what they are wearing, or be given a shared-use uniform to wear for the rest of day. The Headteacher is responsible for enforcing the School Uniform policy at Bickerstaffe CE School and has the full support of the school's governors.

## **Children's Uniform**

Our school has a uniform designed to be flexible, affordable, practical and attractive:

### **School Uniform:**

Grey trousers/shorts or grey skirt/pinafore  
Pale blue polo shirt or;  
Blue shirt/blouse **with** Yellow/blue striped tie; Y5/Y6 Tie  
Blue & White check dress for Summer  
Navy Sweatshirt or Navy cardigan  
School navy Caps  
Book Bag  
Navy Blue School Coats

### **P.E. Kit:**

Navy shorts  
School Navy T-shirt  
Black Pumps/ Trainers Juniors  
Pump Bag

Items with our school logo are available to purchase from Premier Sports in Ormskirk. The link is attached below.

<https://premierwearuk.net/product-category/schools-academies/shop-by-school/bickerstaffe-ce-school/>

Items without the school logo may be purchased from any retailer. School also operate a uniform exchange. Second hand items are welcomed by school and can be obtained through the school office.

### **Items for Occasional Use:**

Infant children will need wellingtons for use in the Forest School area. Information will be provided at the time, if there are any additional pieces of clothing needed.

During the summer months, it is advisable for children to wear a sun hat