



**BRETHERTON ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Uniform Policy**

“Walking in the footsteps of Jesus with our Christian family, we learn, grow, achieve and flourish together in God’s love”

This policy is for Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School and The Hub, Bretherton Endowed Out of School Provision.

School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school brochure.

1.2 At Bretherton Endowed CE Primary school we have always wanted to ensure that our children feel a sense of belonging and our school uniform offers this. However, we have never wanted the cost of our school uniform to be prohibitive and so the majority of our uniform can be sources from supermarkets/ high street options.

1.3 In 2017, we started our Pre – Loved uniform shop where parents can access pre loved uniform for free and donate it rto school for the benefit of all families.

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;
- 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 and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Jewellery

3.1 On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance

We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

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3.2 Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems eg. Diabetes or epilepsy.

3.3 Pupils are not permitted to wear a smart watch – one that can communicate or take photographs. A simple analogue watch to help children learn to tell the time is permitted but will need to be removed for PE.

4 Extreme haircuts

4.1 Although we celebrate the uniqueness and individuality of our children, we discourage ‘extreme’ haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

4.2 Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns ‘V’ styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are unacceptable.

Pupils with long hair should also tie it back for safety reasons. We would ask that hair accessories are subtle and don’t distract from learning.

5 Footwear

5.1 The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.

5.2 In winter time, winter black shoes or black boots may be worn – fashionable boots like Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring with them black school shoes or black plimsolls or slippers (not large character slippers) to change into.

5.3 Certain classes eg. reception, may be asked to provide wellies for use in school.

6 The role of parents

6.1 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.

6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. 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.

7 The role of governors

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7.1 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.

7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

7.3 Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8 Monitoring and review

8.1 The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

9 Uniform

As a small school, tendering for our uniform is not always possible. However, there is a commitment from the Governing body and leadership of the school to ensure that the cost of branded items is kept low and extent of branded items are kept to a minimum. Regular reviews of the costs of our local supplier will form SLA and budget setting discussions each year. The DFE have requested that all schools should be fully compliant with the guidance by summer 2023. All aspects of this policy will be discussed on renewal with our existing supplier in 2022 2023.

The School Uniform is:

- grey trousers (boys or girls) and grey or black socks
- grey skirt / pinafore (for girls) and charcoal grey/ black/ navy woolen tights or ¾ length charcoal grey/ white or black socks
- blue polo shirt,
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan with school logo on (available from Handprints in Bretherton)

In summer (from Easter to the end of the Summer term):

- blue and white gingham dresses is optional
- Blue polo shirt with/ without school logo and grey trousers or shorts (for boys) NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material.

As part of the school uniform a waterproof and / or warm coat will be required and learning outside can happen in all weathers

PE kit:

- Black Plimsolls (trainers will be required for outside use and for daily mile)
- Navy/black PE shorts
- Blue school T-shirt (with logo)
- Dark coloured (grey/black/navy) tracksuit bottoms for the winter months (for outside use)

The PE kit should be brought to school on a Monday morning and may be taken home on Friday afternoon although we would suggest they stay in school for the half term. PE and sporting activities can happen at anytime during the week.

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All items of clothing – including shoes and wellingtons – should be clearly marked with the child’s name.

10. Second hand uniform

Further to the Government guidance 2021, Bretherton Endowed offers a pre loved uniform offer and these are available to any parent. They are located in the entrance foyer and can be requested. We welcome donations of uniform at any time from parents.

NB. The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states: ‘The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, schools ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.’

Adopted by the Governing Body of Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School.

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To be reviewed by the end of 2025

All aspects of our policy intends to comply within the Data Protection (GDPR) legislation.



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