

"Aspire to be your best self by living, learning, growing together with God's love"

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Butleigh

Church of England

Primary School

Uniform Policy

2026-2028

This policy has been written in accordance with our school's Christian ethos

"Let your light shine before others." — Matthew 5:16

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Policy Aims

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform supports effective teaching and learning by promoting a sense of pride in the school, reflecting our Christian ethos and fostering a sense of community and belonging.

We have designed our uniform with health, safety, practicality and affordability in mind. We want all families to be able to access school uniform at a reasonable cost. In line with current DfE guidance, the school seeks to minimise the number of branded items required, make second-hand uniform readily available and allow suitable non-branded alternatives wherever possible.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or representing the school at organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers except during break and lunchtime.

Items of uniform can be purchased from our uniform supplier, South West Schoolwear, [South West Schoolwear](#) or from local retailers and supermarkets where suitable non-branded alternatives are available. Only a small number of optional items carry the school logo.

Where pupils do not adhere to the school uniform policy, we will work sensitively with families to understand and overcome any barriers which may prevent compliance.

Our Uniform:

We have a non-gender specific school uniform:

General	PE Kit Please wear your PE to school if you have PE
• White or blue blouse, shirt or polo shirt – available with the school logo • Plain grey skirt, culottes, pinafore dress (these should be of an appropriate length), • Plain grey shorts or trousers (all of these must be a smart style i.e. not leggings, jogging bottoms, jeans or football shorts. • Navy cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt – available with the school logo • Optional blue and white gingham dress/play suit • Plain black, sensible, low-heeled shoes (boots are allowed if children can sit on the carpet in them comfortably). Logos should be avoided or be plain black • If socks or tights are visible, they should be plain black, navy, grey or white • Leggings may be worn under skirts as an alternative to tights.	• Plain navy T-shirt or polo shirt – available with the school logo • Plain black or navy shorts or jogging/track-suit bottoms • Sports trainers Swimming • Suitable swimming trunks • Swimming costume (no bikinis please), • Towel • Goggles (as required) • Swimming vest (optional)

Uniform Exchange

The school is committed to ensuring that uniform remains affordable for all families. Our Friends of Butleigh School (FBS) maintain a large supply of good-quality donated uniform which is available throughout the year. Uniform exchange events are held regularly, and parents are encouraged to make use of this service whenever required.

Families who require support in accessing school uniform are encouraged to contact the school confidentially.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, children should not wear jewellery in school. The exceptions are plain stud earrings in pierced ears and watches.

Children are required to remove earrings and watches for PE lessons. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Where earrings cannot be removed, they must be covered securely with medical tape provided by home.

Hair and General Appearance

Long hair should be tied back where appropriate, particularly for PE, practical activities and where required for health and safety reasons.

The school expects hairstyles to be appropriate for a learning environment. We recognise and respect cultural, religious and ethnic hairstyles and will ensure that all expectations regarding appearance comply with the Equality Act 2010. Hair colour should be of a natural appearance.

Hair accessories, including ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and clips, should be simple and preferably in school colours.

Nail varnish, false nails, temporary tattoos and make-up are not permitted.

The school will consider individual circumstances sensitively and reasonably, ensuring that decisions are fair, inclusive and non-discriminatory.

Equality, Inclusion and Affordability

The Governing Body and school leaders will ensure that this policy is implemented fairly and consistently and complies with relevant equality legislation.

When reviewing uniform requirements, the school will consider:

- Affordability and value for money for families.
- The availability of uniform from a range of suppliers.
- The need to keep branded items to a minimum.
- Religious, cultural and medical considerations.
- The health, safety and wellbeing of pupils.

The school's uniform requirements comply with current statutory guidance regarding the cost of school uniforms and limits on compulsory branded items.

The Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy and ensuring that it remains fair, inclusive and affordable.

Governors will regularly review the school uniform policy to ensure compliance with current legislation and Department for Education guidance. They will consider representations from parents and ensure that uniform requirements do not place an unnecessary financial burden on families.