



BEWCASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

UNIFORM & APPEARANCE POLICY

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Review Sheet

Each entry in the table below summarises the changes to this Policy made since the last review (if any).

Version Number	BPS Version Description	Date of Revision
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¹ The Governing Body is free to delegate the approval of this Policy to a Committee of the Governing Body, an individual Governor or the Head teacher

² The Governing Body are free to determine the review frequency of this Policy

Introduction & Rationale:

Bewcastle Primary School has a compulsory school uniform and PE kit which all pupils must wear. This is in place for a variety of reasons which include:

- promoting a sense of community and belonging to the school;
- giving a positive impression of the school, to the community and at public events;
- helping pupils to develop a sense of pride in themselves and the school;
- helping pupils to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- supporting positive behaviour and school discipline;
- ensuring pupils dress appropriately for learning activities;
- assisting identification of strangers on school premises;
- supporting important health & safety protocols; and
- supporting and promoting the ethos of the school.

Our school uniform consists of the following items:

- Grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt/pinafore dress
- Navy blue polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (available from the school office)
- Blue gingham style school dress for summer (optional)
- Plain black footwear

Optional items available include:

- Blue book bag with logo for Reception and Key Stage 1/2
- Red PE drawstring bag
- Royal blue P.E. hoody
- Blue fleece or rain jacket with school logo

Items with our school logo are available to purchase from school, who order them from our local supplier Border Embroidery at no profit to the school.

Unbranded, plain royal blue jumpers or cardigans can also be worn if parents prefer.

If children come to school in boots or wellingtons, then they need to bring shoes to change into in the classroom.

Please ensure that all items including all uniform, PE kit, shoes, coats, lunch boxes etc. are marked with your child's name and class, as this will enable staff to return lost items. Any items not labelled will be placed in lost property and will be sent to charity at the end of the school year if not claimed. All items of clothing, including coats and PE kits must be named.

Unisex PE Kit

It is essential that all children change for a PE lesson; it is particularly important that children change their footwear. Our PE kit consists of:

- Crew neck t-shirt in red
- Blue shorts or blue/black track suit bottoms for winter
- Suitable alternative footwear for the activity (indoor/outdoor)
- Royal blue P.E. Hoody (optional)
- A P.E. bag (small drawstring bag – no big rucksacks)

All P.E. clothing should be plain but may display the school logo. Suitable plain t-shirts supplied by Border Embroidery can be bought from the school office.

Jewellery

Children are only allowed small stud earrings and preferably be able to remove them for P.E. Those who do wear stud earrings must bring their own tape to cover them or a box to keep them safe. School will take no responsibility for injuries due to earrings or if they get lost.

As per national guidelines children cannot take part in P.E. without them being taken out or covered up.

Other jewellery - chains, necklaces, bracelets, and any hoop or drop earrings; are NOT permitted in school at all. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Mobile phones and smart watches are now a feature of modern society and an increasing number of our students own one. The increasing sophistication of mobile phone/smart watch technology presents a number of issues for schools:

- The high value of many phones/smart watches
- Phones with cameras can lead to potential child protection and data protection issues
- The potential use of the phone/smart watch e.g. for texting whilst on silent mode
- Inappropriate use of mobile phones/smart watches to bully, intimidate, ridicule others

'Smart' watches which connect to the internet, take photographs, or link to other devices which may be in school (e.g. mobile phone) should **not** be brought to school.

We also believe that pupils do **not** need to bring a mobile phone to school.

Lost Property

Where no name has been added to the garments, the school endeavours to recycle uniform to other pupil & parents through the school office. Where this is not successful, the school will redistribute the uniform to the Age Concern charity shop in Brampton.

Exception to the implementation of this Policy will only apply at the discretion of the Headteacher.