



# **Bude Park Primary School**

## **School Uniform Policy**

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## Our approach to school uniform

At Bude Park Primary School, we believe that a clear and consistent school uniform supports a sense of belonging, promotes positive behaviour and helps pupils to feel part of our school community.

We are equally committed to ensuring that our uniform is affordable, practical and inclusive for all families, and that cost is never a barrier to attendance, participation, or access to learning.

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms. In developing and reviewing our uniform requirements, we give high priority to value for money, accessibility, equality, and best practice, including our duties under equality legislation. As part of this process, we consulted with parents and carers to ensure that the uniform reflects the needs, preferences and circumstances of our school community.

## Compulsory school uniform

The following items are **required** for all pupils unless otherwise stated.

### Everyday uniform

- Black sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo (Y6 pupils may wear leavers hoodies)
- White shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress (leggings and tracksuit bottoms are not permitted)
- Plain white, grey or black socks or tights
- Sensible black shoes

## Seasonal uniform

### Summer uniform (optional during warmer months)

- Grey/black and white gingham dress
- Tailored grey or black shorts

Pupils may wear either the standard uniform or the summer uniform during warmer weather.

## Physical Education (PE) kit

The following PE kit is **required**:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black, grey or navy shorts
- Plain black, grey or navy tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (for outdoor PE)
- Trainers suitable for PE activities

To reduce costs for families, **no PE items are required to be branded.**

## **Branded and non-branded items**

To ensure affordability:

- No compulsory branded items are required
- Uniform items may be purchased from a retailer of your choice.
- Optional branded items may be available (e.g. sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo); however, wearing these is not required, and suitable generic alternatives will always be permitted.

## **Where uniform can be purchased**

### **Branded items**

Items with the school logo in can be purchased at the school office, with payments made via Parent Pay. **Families are not required to purchase items with the school logo.**

### **Generic items**

All non-branded items can be purchased from:

- Supermarkets
- High-street retailers
- Online retailers

We do not specify particular brands or suppliers for generic items.

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

Further national guidance is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms>

## **Equality, inclusion and reasonable adjustments**

We are committed to meeting our duties under the Equality Act 2010. In line with our Pupil Equality Policy, reasonable adjustments will be made to uniform requirements where needed, including to support:

- Pupils with disabilities or medical needs

- Pupils with sensory sensitivities
- Religious or cultural requirements

Requests for flexibility will always be considered sensitively, respectfully and on an individual basis.

## **Non-compliance**

We recognise that there may be occasions when pupils are unable to meet uniform expectations due to cost or availability, or other genuine circumstances. In these situations, pupils will not be penalised unfairly, and the school will work constructively with families to identify and put supportive solutions in place.

Where uniform expectations are not met due to deliberate, repeated, or persistent non-compliance, and where appropriate support has already been offered, these matters may be addressed in line with the school's Behaviour Policy. Any response will be proportionate, reasonable, and focused on supporting positive choices, while maintaining high standards and equity for all pupils. Pupils will not be removed from classroom learning as a result of financial hardship.

## **Complaints**

Any concerns or complaints regarding the cost or supply of school uniform will be managed in line with the school's Complaints Policy.

## **Linked policies**

- Behaviour Policy
- Pupil Equality Policy
- Complaints Policy

## **Review of the policy**

This policy is reviewed regularly to ensure it remains:

- Clear and easy to understand
- Affordable and inclusive
- Compliant with statutory guidance

Any changes to uniform requirements will be communicated clearly and well in advance and, where appropriate, the views of parents and pupils will be considered.

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