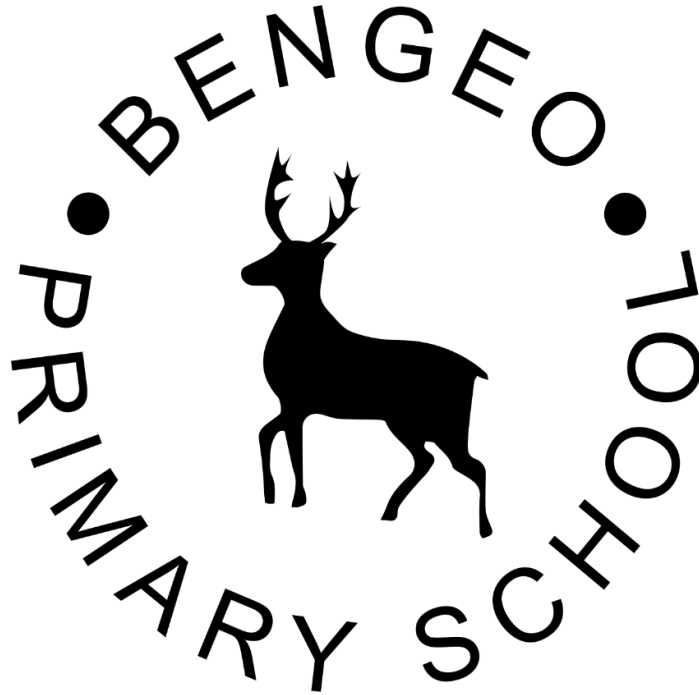


# BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Uniform policy

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### 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- › Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- › Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- › Clarify our expectations for school uniform

### 2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- › Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- › Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- › Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- › Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school and makes them feel most comfortable
- › Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort related to their sex, gender or gender reassignment
- › Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments
- › Allow pupils with sensory or physical needs to make reasonable adaptations to their uniform depending on their specific needs
- › Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents/carers to get in touch with Mrs N Murray, School Business Manager who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

### 3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that need to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents/carers' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- › Is available at a reasonable cost
- › Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- › Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- › Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible for example, by only asking that the sweatshirt and PE top features the school logo
- › Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and hats
- › Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveller
- › Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- › Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- › Considering alternative methods for signalling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- › Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- › Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy
- › Considering alternative approaches, including loaning compulsory branded items such as sports kit for competitions
- › Making sure that opportunities to acquire second-hand items in a timely manner are accessible to parents and carers of both current and prospective pupils, and publishing this information on our website
- › Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications, and minimising the financial impact on parents/carers of any changes
- › Consulting with parents/carers and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy, and carefully considering any complaints about uniform in line with the school's complaints policy
- › Avoiding single-supplier contracts, to make sure generic items can be purchased from a range of retailers
- › Continuing to review this policy, to ensure the cost of our uniform is reasonable and provides the best value for money

## 4. Expectations for school uniform

### 4.1 Our school's uniform

All children with long hair/fringes are required to have it tied up at all times, with plain dark hair bands.

#### Formal uniform

- Navy skirts, pinafores, formal shorts or trousers
- White polo shirts
- Navy sweatshirt/sweatshirt cardigan, preferably with the school logo.
- Navy tights or navy socks.
- Yellow and white checked or striped dresses/culottes (with white socks).

- Sensible plain black trainers or shoes.

Sun hats and school bags bearing the school's logo are available at Kids Connection along with a range of other optional items.

#### Nursery uniform

- Navy shorts or joggers
- Navy sweatshirt, preferably with the school logo
- White t-shirt or polo shirt
- Trainers

#### PE kit (for PE lessons)

In addition to the above, children need appropriate clothes for PE.

- Navy shorts
- Navy plain joggers
- Navy and yellow PE top with logo
- Trainers
- Navy sweatshirt, preferably with logo
- Navy or white socks

#### Forest School kit

Children will need to have wellies and a waterproof in school for Forest School visits.

#### **Please note:**

All items should be unbranded

Both the uniform and PE kit are gender-neutral.

The children should wear formal school uniform every day and always have PE kits in school to change into when they have PE.

Children should not wear jewellery to school. They are allowed to wear a watch (no smart watches) and a single, or single pair, of plain stud earrings. No jewellery should be worn in PE lessons (stud earrings can be taped up – please provide your child with the tape/plasters to do so).

## **4.2 Where to purchase it**

Sun hats and school bags bearing the school's logo are available at Kids Connection along with a range of other optional items.

Sweatshirts, cardigans and PE tops with the school logo are available in Kids Connection. All other items would be available at high street retailers or supermarkets.

The BPA sell second hand uniform for a minimal cost.

# **5. Expectations for our school community**

## **5.1 Pupils**

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- › On the school premises
- › Travelling to and from school
- › At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact Mrs J Page, headteacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

## 5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- › Clean
- › Clearly labelled with the child's name
- › In good condition

Parents/carers are also expected to contact Mrs J Page, headteacher, if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- › Their child's protected characteristics
- › The cost of the uniform

Parents/carers are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner in accordance with the school's complaints policy.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- › Resolved locally
- › Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

## 5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the SLT with appropriate reference to our school's behaviour policy.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation and the pupil will not miss classroom teaching because of a sanction. This is in line with the statutory [guidance](#).

## 5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- › Is appropriate for our school's context
- › Is implemented fairly across the school
- › Takes into account the views of parents/carers and pupils
- › Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

## 6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Mrs J Page, headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the Resources Committee.

## 7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy