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Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy. Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.

Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.

We have a required school uniform for several reasons:

- Uniforms unite the school. Pupils make a commitment that when they put on their Bentworth uniform they will abide by the rules of the community.
- Uniforms reduce distractions. We are focused on achieving success. When pupils are allowed to wear their own clothing, there is the potential to talk about fashions and styles rather than learning.
- Uniforms make us all equal. Whether families have high incomes or low incomes, the pupils come to school looking the same way. No one has to feel bad about the clothes they have or don't have.
- Uniforms look professional. Pupils look neat and ready to learn.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by school staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

Parents and carers of pupils that do not wear their uniform correctly will be contacted and asked to bring a uniform. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the uniform they are missing. The parent or carer will then be expected to collect their child from the school office at the end of the school day to discuss the issue.

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Principal either in person or by letter. The school will always be considerate and discrete in trying to establish why a pupil is not wearing the correct uniform. Pupils will not be made to feel uncomfortable, nor discriminated against, because their parents are unable to provide them with the required items of school uniform. In line with our culture of honest conversation with parents and

carers, we encourage discussion with the school at the earliest opportunity if there are any difficulties.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code on these days.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Equality, Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Ark Bentworth Primary Academy is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.

UNIFORM DETAILS

Girls	Boys
<p>Autumn/Winter/Spring Fine knit v-neck jumper* (Bentworth Blue + gold stripe) with Bentworth logo White buttoned shirt School Tie* Charcoal skirt OR trousers Charcoal tights Grey Blazer* (optional in Years 3 and 4, compulsory in Years 5 and 6) Navy Blue or grey hair accessories or headscarf</p> <p>Summer Charcoal pinafore White socks</p> <p>PE Kit <i>Indoor & Outdoor (Summer)</i> T-shirt (Blue) with Bentworth logo* Shorts (Blue)* Blue Tracksuit For PE appropriate footwear is essential: trainers (Velcro fastening for EYFS and KS1) or plimsolls should be worn or bare feet for gymnastics only.</p>	<p>Autumn/Winter/Spring Fine knit v-neck jumper* (Bentworth Blue + gold stripe) with Bentworth logo White shirt School Tie* Charcoal trousers Grey socks Grey Blazer* (optional in Years 3 and 4, compulsory in Years 5 and 6)</p> <p>Summer Charcoal shorts Grey socks</p> <p>PE Kit <i>Indoor & Outdoor (Summer)</i> T-shirt (Blue) with Bentworth logo* Shorts (Blue)* Blue Tracksuit For PE appropriate footwear is essential: trainers (Velcro fastening for EYFS and KS1) or plimsolls should be worn or bare feet for gymnastics only.</p>

*All the items above a readily available from the School Office with an up to date pricing list. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense.

Outdoor Clothing

Children should bring a coat to school each day, apart from during the hotter weather. Smart, showerproof, jacket-style coats, with embroidered Bentworth logo, are available. Hats and scarves are also available in the school colours but should not to be worn inside the school building.

Bags & Belongings

A high-visibility bookbag with the Ark Bentworth logo is recommended for carrying books, homework, letters and other materials to and from school. Rucksacks can also be purchased from the school office. A high-visibility PE bag with Bentworth logo is also available for carrying PE kit to and from school.

Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, **all black** plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school. Boots are not allowed. Girls may wear **all black** or **all white** closed-toed sandals as part of the summer uniform only. Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
Girls' Shoes (*Summer Only)	
	
Boys' Shoes	
	

Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. Any head covering for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours (navy blue or grey). A school hat with Bentworth logo is available for both summer and winter outdoor wear.

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Long hair on both girls and boys should be tied back neatly in school colours (Bentworth Blue, White, Gold). This for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety: Pupils' faces should not be obscured as the teacher may not be able to judge their engagement with learning and to secure their participation in discussions and practical activities. Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Fingernail Polish or Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed.

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for one watch only (no sound effects or games). Pupils are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, and they must be worn in the lower ear lobe. Parents are strongly encouraged to remove earrings on swimming days. *Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any watches or jewellery that are lost.*

Body Piercing & Tattoos

Body piercing is prohibited, with the exception of single, standard ear piercing. No other forms of body piercing will be allowed for any pupil. Pupils are not allowed to have transfer tattoos of any kind on their body.

Naming Clothing & Property

VERY IMPORTANT – Please ensure **all** clothing and property is clearly marked so that lost articles may be easily traced and returned. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property and valuables.

Lost Property

All mislaid items are placed in the lost property cupboard. Please ask the school office if you wish to look through this cupboard. We endeavour to return all named property. All unclaimed lost property is disposed of at the end of term and given to a local children's charity.

Second-hand Uniform

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office. We will be developing a second hand uniform sale in the future.

Policy to be reviewed: September 2018

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