



Ark Bentworth Primary Academy
UNIFORM POLICY



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Uniform Policy

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.

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 can 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 do not 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 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 in correct uniform. If this is not possible then pupils will be provided with the uniform they are missing.

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 Head of School. 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. specific outdoor events or wearing different clothes as a part of a fundraising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of 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

Autumn/Winter/Spring

Navy blue jumper or slipover with gold trim and school logo*

School Tie*

Grey Blazer* (compulsory in Years 5 and 6, optional before this)

White buttoned shirt/blouse

Grey trousers with black socks or grey skirt with black tights

Black shoes

Navy blue or black hair accessories or headscarf

Summer

Grey shorts with grey socks or grey pinafore with white ankle socks

PE

Navy t-shirt with school logo*

Navy PE shorts or jogging bottoms*

Navy sweatshirt with school logo*

White socks

Black trainers (no logos) or plimsolls

*All the items above are 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.

Bags & Belongings

A 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.

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.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
	

Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats 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 reasons should be navy blue or black. Any hair accessories such as hair ties, slides, bobbles etc. should be functional, simple and in navy blue or black.

Hairstyles

Pupils' hair should always be neatly groomed and tidy. For health and safety reasons, long hair must be tied back. Pupils should not wear designs or words cut into their hair or have permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Fingernail Polish, Make-Up and Tattoos

Pupils are not allowed to wear fingernail polish or false nails. Make-up is not allowed. Pupils are not allowed to have transfer tattoos of any kind on their body.

Jewellery/Accessories

Pupils may not wear any jewellery except for one watch (no sound effects or games) and one pair of stud earrings, that must be worn in the lower ear lobe. Any other body jewellery is not allowed. 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 earrings that are lost.*

Naming Clothing & Property

Please ensure **all** clothing and property is clearly labelled 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 given to a local children's charity.

Second-hand Uniform

Any unwanted items of uniform may be given to the school office for second hand sale.

Policy to be reviewed: September 2021