




SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Full Governors	Provision Committee	Resources Committee
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1. Principles

It is our agreed policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when representing the school in an educational event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on our school website and a list can also be obtained from the office at any time. From time to time, special occasions or events such as Christmas Parties or fund raising activities will be designated as non-uniform activities and parents/carers will be informed in good time.

2. Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- easily identifies the children with the school;
- encourages team building without compromising individuality;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- is designed explicitly following the guidance laid out in our school Single Equality

Policy to ensure that all pupils are accommodated in our uniform prescription, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion or SEND requirements.

3. Jewellery

In line with Westmorland and Furness Health and Safety advice we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. School staff are **not** permitted to do this for the children, nor can they remove items of jewellery from the children. We ask that children do not have their ears pierced until the start of the summer break. This is also in line with Local Authority recommendations. Body piercing is not allowed. Nail varnish should not be worn during school time.

4. Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts, styles or hair colour that could serve as a distraction to other children.

5. Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults and therefore in school, they should wear sensible, plain black, safe footwear with an appropriate grip. We allow children to wear plain black trainers (no coloured stripes/edging or laces are allowed) to school as these provide appropriate grip and are comfortable. However the children will

need an additional pair of trainers for physical education as part of their PE kit. All children need a full PE kit to change into for Physical Education lessons. (It is permitted for the children to bring tracksuit tops and bottoms for outside games during cold weather)

6. The role of parents/carers

We respectfully ask all parents/carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy and ensure their children wear the school uniform at all times.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are significant reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

7. The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents/carers regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

8. Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- seek the views of parents/carers, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

9. Sir John Barrow School Uniform

Clothing:

- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- White or navy polo shirt with or without logo
- Navy, grey or black trousers/shorts/skirt/jogging trousers
- Pale blue checked dress in summer or dark blue, grey or black tailored shorts in summer (not cycling shorts)

P.E. Kit:

- Coloured t-shirt according to house colour, with or without school logo.
- Navy shorts with or without school logo (not cycling shorts)
- Tracksuit or jogging pants for outdoor use in cold weather

Completely plain dark blue, grey or black jogging trousers are also recommended for outdoor P.E./activities when the weather is colder.

Shoes:

- Sensible, plain black, safe footwear with an appropriate grip, e.g. plain black trainers (no coloured stripes/edging or laces).
- An additional pair of trainers may be brought for physical education as part of their PE kit.
- As an OPAL school we allow **unbranded, completely plain** dark blue, grey or black jogging trousers or shorts as we encourage outdoor teaching and daily play. Children can bring their own waterproof clothing (school can provide some spare kit). We do go out in all weathers!

As a school we try to keep a stock of 'pre-loved' uniform which is clean and of good quality should families need extra items .