



Brackenhill Primary School



Our School Vision



At Brackenhill, success is for everyone. Whether you are a mighty Oak or a tiny acorn, you can achieve and become anything you want to be. No matter what part of the journey you join us on, we will support you every step of the way and nurture your growth to help you reach your full potential. By providing you with opportunities that inspire and ignite your curiosity, we will water your thirst for knowledge to instil within you a love for learning so that you may flourish.

No matter what the weather, rest assured you will never be left alone and there will always be somebody to shelter you. Whether you are a creative rose, a curious daffodil, a content sunflower or a cheeky dandelion, at Brackenhill Primary, you will be able to blossom within our colourful and vibrant garden. You will grow with others around you on fertile ground to create a better world for everyone rooted in respect and kindness. No matter where you disperse, you will take your seeds of knowledge with you, offering them to gardens all around the world, knowing you will always have a place at Brackenhill.

Approved by:

Julie Heilds

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School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

Aims and objectives

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

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;
- identifies the children with the school;
- 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.

Purchase of uniform

To purchase the school jumper, cardigan, red T-shirt for PE and the book bag you need to go to the Brackenhill website; click on Parents, then Uniform Shop, which then takes you to the GDB Manufacturing website (see website link below).

[Contacts – GDB Manufacturing \(gdbclothing.co.uk\)](http://gdbclothing.co.uk)

Items are then purchased via their website. During checkout you can choose to have the items delivered to school which is free but can take up to two weeks or order direct to your home which will cost £4.00 postage.

Other non-logo items can be bought from any local supermarkets or stores.

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 on the cost of school uniform.

Therefore, Logos will be kept to a minimum and the majority of uniform kept generic so that families can take advantage of value retailer offers.

Pupil Premium funding will be used to offer pupils for whom we are currently in receipt of **Free School Meals** funding a school jumper, white polo shirt, skirt/pinafore or trousers each academic year.



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Sweatshirts or cardigans will be purchased by School, a letter will be sent out to all parents/carers in June to complete with the size required and these will be delivered before the end of term.

A voucher will be supplied to the value of £20.00 to purchase white polo shirt, skirt/pinafore or trousers from Tesco Clothing, again these will be supplied before the end of term.

This figure will be reviewed annually and the balance between removing barriers for the most vulnerable families and allocating resources for key educational priorities will be taken into account.

The school will also use its discretion to support vulnerable families in exceptional or temporary circumstances. Each case will be viewed individually and does not set a precedent for future decisions.

Should parents wish to appeal against a decision not to provide assistance with school uniform, they should write to the Chair of the Governing Body.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, 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. We ask the children to cover objects of religious significance with clothing if there is concern they pose a health and safety issue.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high or narrow heels in school, so we do not allow this. Shoes should be black school shoes with a flat sole. Black trainers can also be worn.

School Trips

Parents will receive information before school trips as to whether children should wear school uniform or their own clothes for the trip. Pupils should dress accordingly.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. 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.



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The role of governors

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

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

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

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed regularly. When monitoring this policy, the governing body will consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.