



# The Bishops Church of England Primary Academy

## School Uniform Policy 2025-26

### **1. Introduction**

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to wear their shirts tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance.

Our uniform is gender neutral. Families will decide which is the most appropriate clothing for their child/ren.

Some items of uniform can be bought from a local supplier;

MAPAC - you can call them on 01923 255525 to place your order or click the link below to order online:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/thebishopsceip241eb>

Others are available, at very competitive prices, at local shops and supermarkets. You can also find pre-loved and free uniform from the school and local charities.

A complete list of the items needed for school uniform including those for Physical Education, is included below.

### **2. Aims and Objectives**

Our policy on school uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in school;
- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Supports our commitment to inclusion;
- Prevents children wearing “fashion clothes” that could be distracting in class or cause children to
- feel anxious about not fitting in;
- Is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;

### **3. Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish**

3.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to the rule are earring studs, in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

- 3.2 Children are required to remove any items (earrings and watches) before PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.
- 3.3 Long hair and hair which may restrict vision (get into children eyes) while working or running, must be held back with a band or tied back (male or female).
- 3.4 Hair bands, ribbons/bows or “scrunchies” should be plain. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other items attached. They should not be over large and are for practical purposes, rather than as a fashion statement. Hair bands with unicorn horns, crowns and ears are not appropriate for school.
- 3.5 Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school function, for example a school disco. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Braids, if worn, should not include beads as these can cause a risk to other children’s eyes as hair is flicked. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. This can be associated with gang culture or be disruptive to learning.

#### **4. Footwear**

- 4.1 For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All Children are required to wear plain black coloured shoes (this can be trainers if they are plain with no logo). Children may wear wellington boots to school in wet weather and change into their school shoes when in school.
- 4.2 In the winter we do not recommend boots for younger children who may sit on the carpet as this causes their other clothes to become wet and are uncomfortable for sitting on the carpet.
- 4.3 In summer we are happy for children to wear sandals as long as they are fitted with a secure strap and support the child’s foot. Where children wear sandals, parents are aware that they may suffer from injuries when their feet get stood on.
- 4.4 Ugg type boots and flip-flops are not allowed as they do not provide enough support and can put children at risk of slips and trips.

#### **5. The Role of Parents**

- 5.1 We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE Kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child’s name is written on all items.

- 5.2 If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we do all we can to help.
- 5.3 Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item, if possible. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

## **6. School Uniform List**

- 6.1 Our school uniform colour is a purple.
- 6.2 There are items available that have the school logo on and are sold at various places. However children are able to wear uniform in the appropriate colour without a logo.

- 6.3 Uniform list :

### Boys & Girls

- black shoes – can be trainers if they are completely black
- grey trousers and tailored shorts – no leggings (they become see-through and ride down when children sit cross legged)
- grey pinafore or skirt
- white shirt or white or purple polo shirt with school badge
- Purple sweatshirt with school logo or plain purple
- light grey tights
- white/grey socks
- Purple and white checked dress
- Suitable waterproof coat with a hood.

Please note skirts or shorts should be an appropriate length and a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor. This will be at least knee length and not ankle length.

When children wear shorts, even when these are worn over tights, they should be tailored and an appropriate length.

Denim or Stretch fabrics (leggings) should not be worn for any clothing item.

### 6.4 PE Kit:

Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a draw string bag\* in which to keep the kit at school.

All school uniform and P.E kit MUST be named.

Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

- Purple P.E. t-shirt with school badge
- black shorts of appropriate length – not hot pants.
- black jogging bottoms
- A pair of plain black plimsolls (Velcro fastenings are essential for younger children) for inside PE. Please do not buy shoes that are too big for children to grow in to, they do not support the child's foot and become a risk.
- plain sports trainers for outdoor PE
- white ankle socks
- A change of socks in case they become damp.

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE. Your child's teacher will advise you when PE lessons take place so that earrings can be removed.

### **Complaints procedure**

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this policy, please contact the Headteacher via the school office.

### **Examples of uniform**

Examples of shirts and polo shirts



Appropriate dresses



An example of a suitable skirt



Examples of school LOGO sweatshirts. Plain purple jumpers and sweatshirts are also appropriate.



Tailored shorts and trousers



PE uniform including examples for swimming

