

School uniform policy

Barn Croft Primary School



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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- › Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- › Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- › Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our school's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include age, sex, disability, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- › Allow all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in
- › Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils
- › Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back)
- › Allow all pupils to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for school
- › Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons or if they are experiencing discomfort
- › Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments that are appropriate and safe for school
- › Allow reasonable adaptations to uniform depending on a child's specific additional needs, in agreement with the headteacher
- › Allow for reasonable adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with Emma-Jane Kelly (Acting Headteacher) school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. 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.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- › Is available at a reasonable cost
- › Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- › Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- › Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- › Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items
- › Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- › Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- › Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the school's uniform can act as a social leveler
- › Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- › Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- › Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- › Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- › Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on parents of any changes
- › Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

All uniform is expected to be **clearly labelled with your child's full name**.

	School Uniform (<i>does not have to have Barn Croft logo</i>)	Summer School Uniform (<i>optional</i>)	PE Kit (<i>does not have to have Barn Croft logo</i>)
Tops	White polo shirt Royal blue cardigan Royal blue jumper Royal blue zipped fleece	Blue and white check school summer dress (can be the shorts jumpsuit version)	Plain white or yellow t-shirt Royal blue jumper (no hoodies)
Bottoms	Grey trousers Grey skirt Grey pinafore Grey shorts		Plain blue shorts Plain blue jogging bottoms
Shoes	Closed in black shoes or boots Plain black trainers	Closed in black shoes Plain black trainers	Trainers Plimsolls

4.2 Where to purchase it

- › Uniform can be worn with or without Barn Croft's logo
- › Uniform with Barn Croft logos can be purchased from Fashion Fair, 184 – 186 High Street, Walthamstow, E17 7JH <http://schooluniformuk.co.uk/schools/barn-croft-primary.html>
- › Uniform without Barn Croft's logo can be purchased from most supermarkets, online and other retailers stocking the above stated uniform items and colours
- › Logos can be ironed/sewn on if parents wish to have a logo

At Barn Croft we run a uniform swap point, donated uniform is readily available outside the school office to take as you need. If you have any outgrown uniform, please consider hanging it (washed and dry) on the rail for others to take/swap.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- › On the school premises
- › Travelling to and from school
- › At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact Emma-Jane Kelly (Acting Headteacher) school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- › Clean
- › Clearly labelled with the child's name
- › In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact Emma-Jane Kelly (Acting Headteacher) school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- › Their child's protected characteristics
- › The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- › Resolved locally
- › Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by Emma-Jane Kelly (Acting Headteacher) school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

5.4 Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of parents and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Emma-Jane Kelly (Acting Headteacher). At every review, it will be approved by the Full Governing Body of Barn Croft Primary School

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy

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Signed:

Chair of Governors