



BRAMFORD AND SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



School Uniform Policy

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Rationale

At the heart of our Federation is our shared principle of unity: recognising that, while each child is unique and valued for who they are, we are stronger when we belong to and contribute to something bigger than ourselves. Our uniform is one visible expression of this principle.

Wearing a school uniform helps to create a strong sense of belonging, identity and community across our schools. It enables children to see themselves as part of a collective, reducing unnecessary differences and ensuring that every child can participate equally in school life without pressure to compete through clothing or appearance. It also reinforces the message that we are united by our shared values, aspirations and commitment to one another.

Our uniform policy therefore seeks to balance unity with individuality. We expect children to wear the agreed uniform consistently and with pride, while recognising and respecting the individuality of every child. The purpose of our uniform is not to suppress difference, but to provide a common foundation from which every child can flourish, feel that they belong and take their place confidently within our Federation community.

In this way, our uniform reflects our ACE vision of Aspiration and Combined Excellence for Everyone: we are united in our identity, inclusive in our community and committed to ensuring that every child feels valued, included and able to succeed.

It is our federation policy that all children, in both of our schools, wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. It is important to us that whilst this is a joint uniform policy, each school maintains its individuality and therefore its own uniform.

Aims and objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in our schools;
- helps to create a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- identifies the children with the school;
- supports our commitment to inclusion and avoids discrimination (in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010);
- prevents children from wearing 'fashion clothes' that could be distracting in class;
- is practical, smart and designed with health and safety in mind;
- is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers.

Jewellery, Hair and Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are a single plain stud ear-ring in ears, and small objects of religious significance worn on the specific request of a parent (such as a crucifix on a chain). Children are required to remove any items of jewellery during PE lessons or when playing sports e.g. football at break times and lunch times to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings. The federation is of the view that the start of the summer holiday is the most appropriate time to have ears pierced.

Long hair should be tied back. Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either hair-coloured or in keeping with school colours. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached and jo-jo bows should not be worn. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. 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.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco. In this case, these items should only be worn for the event and not for periods of time before or afterward.

Neither school is responsible for any money or valuables that are brought onto the premises.

Footwear

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 school shoes or plain sandals in the summer as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into their PE shoes whilst inside the school building. Trainers are not acceptable, except for PE.

The Role of Parents

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. 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 will do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned where possible an appropriate item from our stock of spare uniform to wear for that day. The same system will apply for children who do not have a PE kit. Parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.

Our schools welcome children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are specific reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the head of school.

The Role of Governors

The governing body supports the executive headteacher and heads of school in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the executive headteacher and heads of school to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, affordable, safe and practical.

School Uniform List

The Governors fully endorse the principle that school uniform should be affordable for everyone ensuring that no family or pupil is socially excluded through inability to buy. Accordingly, all of the uniform can be bought 'off the peg' at any High Street store or supermarket and items which feature the school logo are optional.

At Bramford, school logo jumpers and T-shirts are optional and can be purchased online via School Trends (www.stparent.co.uk) or from PMG in Westgate Street, Ipswich (<https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/shop/search/q/Bramford>). A limited stock is also available to purchase from the school office.

At Somersham, school logo jumpers and T-shirts are optional and can be ordered from our online supplier School Trends (www.stparent.co.uk) along with other items such as caps and PE bags. Blue book bags can be purchased via the school office.

Both schools hold pre loved uniform sales regularly to enable good quality second hand school uniform items to be purchased at reduced costs.

Bramford CEVC Uniform List	Somersham Primary Uniform List
All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named.	All school uniform and P.E. kit MUST be named.
School Uniform colours are a combination of burgundy and grey/black.	School Uniform colours are a combination of navy blue and grey/black.

• White polo shirt or blouse • burgundy round neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan • grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts in the summer • burgundy striped/gingham summer dress • white or grey socks • black school shoes or plain sandals in the summer • burgundy fleece for outdoor use. PE Uniform Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) • white t-shirt • Plain black or burgundy PE shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms • Plain black or maroon sweatshirt, fleece or hoodie • plimsolls • trainers <i>Bags in which to keep kit are available but currently pupils come to school wearing their PE Kit so are not needed.</i> Additional Items Overalls are required for art – the best kind is an adult shirt worn back-to-front if pupils wish to bring their own	• White polo shirt or blouse • navy blue round neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan • grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts in the summer • blue striped/gingham summer dress • white or grey socks • black school shoes or plain sandals in the summer • navy blue fleece for outdoor use. PE Uniform Children need a change of clothes and footwear for P.E (for health and hygiene reasons) and a bag in which to keep the kit at school. • white t-shirt • Plain black PE shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms • Plain black or blue sweatshirt, fleece or hoodie • plimsolls • trainers <i>Bags in which to keep kit are available but currently pupils come to school wearing their PE Kit so are not needed.</i> Additional Items Overalls are required for art – the best kind is an adult shirt worn back-to-front if pupils wish to bring their own
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The uniform for each school is published on the federation website (www.bramsomfederation.net).

We regularly review our uniform suppliers to ensure we offer families good value for money. This policy will be reviewed by the Governing body and Executive Headteacher every two years or sooner if necessary.