



Boscastle Community Primary School

School Uniform Policy

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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 sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our school will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender
- 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 the way that is appropriate for school yet makes them feel most comfortable
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the headteacher, who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Boscastle School has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable. In accordance with Department for Education guidance (DfE Oct 2025), we will not require more than three compulsory branded uniform or PE kit items. Parents will always be able to purchase generic alternatives for the majority of uniform items from a range of retailers.

We understand that items of uniform which include our school badge such as, sweatshirts and fleeces cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and so 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:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics such as the school badge, are necessary
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics where possible, and to low-cost 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 groups and for extra-curricular activities
- 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

Boscastle School branded items are optional. Pupils may wear either branded or non-branded alternatives which meet the school's colour and style requirements.

School branded Uniform

- Navy sweatshirt with Boscastle logo
- or Navy cardigan with Boscastle logo
- or Navy fleece with Boscastle logo

Non-branded uniform

- Plain navy sweatshirt
- or plain navy cardigan
- or plain navy fleece
- White Polo Shirt
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- Black or white socks, or black or grey tights
- Black Shoes

Summer Option:

- Summer Dresses – navy & white small-checked gingham
- Grey school shorts (not casual shorts)

School Branded P.E. Kit

- Navy T-Shirt with Boscastle logo

Non-branded PE Kit

- Plain navy T-shirt
- Navy/ black Shorts and/or navy/ black leggings/ jogging trousers/ leggings
- Trainers
- P.E. Bag for kit.

Health & Safety

- Long hair must be tied back at all times, including for all P.E. lessons.
- Stud earrings and small watches are permitted in school.
- Children are not permitted to wear any other jewellery or make-up/nail varnish. Reasonable adjustments will be considered for pupils wishing to wear jewellery or items of dress for religious or cultural reasons.

4.2 Where to purchase it

- Parents and carers can obtain the uniform from 'high-street' or supermarket retailers.
- School branded sweatshirts/ fleeces, cardigans and PE T-shirts can be purchased from [Boscastle Primary School - Uniform Sales](#)

- Second-hand uniform is available through our Pre-loved Uniform Stand which is available in the school reception and at events through the year. Parents are welcome to take any items available, and we welcome all donations of uniform which parents wish to pass onto us.

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 can talk to the headteacher if they want to request a reasonable adjustment 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

Parents are also expected to contact the headteacher if they want to request a reasonable adjustment 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 monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families not following the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

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 body 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

Governors will regularly review uniform supplier arrangements to ensure they continue to provide best value for money, maximise parental choice and comply with current Department for Education guidance.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually by the headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Equality policy
- Complaints policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection policy