



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Before the term ends, I thought I would provide a bit of an update regarding school uniform in readiness for the Spring term.

This term, as you are aware, we have trialled allowing the children to wear their school shoes whilst walking to and from school and have reduced the requirement for the children to change their shoes as frequently as they once were. So far this has been a positive modification to our school's practice.

The positives to this change include: a reduction of time children spend changing their shoes in the cloakroom, smoother transitions from lessons to playtime/lunchtime both at the beginning and end of those periods and a greater amount of time spent in classrooms-learning, as a result.

We had worried that the change of footwear may have seen a decrease in standards with cleanliness on the carpet in and around the school both in corridors and classrooms. This has not been the case. As a result, we are extending the trial period for the shoes which will now last to the Easter holidays.

As children are now walking to and from school in their school shoes may we request that the shoes are regularly cleaned at home, particularly if your child comes home with muddy shoes.

For clarity, all children in school require a pair of black school shoes (which can be worn when travelling to and from school), a pair of preferably black trainers (for outdoor PE) and a pair of plimsolls (for indoor PE).

Please ensure your child has a change of footwear available in school, for the new term. Children will not be permitted to wear their 'school shoes' as part of their PE lessons, as they will be using the field where it is prone to be muddier.

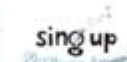
I would like to emphasise that this is not a change to the uniform policy as children have always been required to wear the various types of footwear listed above.

The Governors and I have recently reviewed our school's uniform Policy and have modified this policy in line with our school's [Equality Objectives](#). Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read our school's Uniform Policy.

In simple terms, Governors have removed gender specific references along with the labelling of winter and summer uniform.

Our school uniform information on the website reads:

It is Barrowby CE Primary School's policy that our children wear school uniform at all times. The school colours are royal blue and grey. We feel that school uniform engenders in pupils a pride in their appearance and their school, as well as promoting an atmosphere of equality. We ask parents to support and co-operate with us in the matter of uniform.



Our school uniform provider is Nationwide. [CLICK HERE](#) to order uniform online. Many items of non-personalised uniform such as mid-grey trousers, white polo shirts, mid-grey skirts/pinafore dresses are also available at other retailers.

Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt (round neck) or cardigan with logo
- White polo shirt
- Plain mid-grey, straight-legged, tailored trousers with no external pockets i.e. not 'Cargo style' with grey/black socks
- Mid-grey skirt or Pinafore dress with medium grey tights or white knee-length socks
- Optional Summer term only - Plain mid-grey, straight-legged, tailored shorts with no external pockets i.e. not 'Cargo style' with grey/black socks; royal blue & white checked dress with white ankle socks

In the event of unseasonable weather conditions e.g. hotter weather expected when returning to school in September, the Headteacher will inform parents of an extension to the optional summer uniform should it be necessary, for an agreed fixed period.

P.E. and Games Kit

- Royal blue Tee Shirt with logo
- Navy blue shorts
- Pair of plimsolls
- P.E. bag (drawstring) with logo
- Swimming costume or trunks (not bikini or long shorts) and swimming cap - From Year 3 onwards

Outdoor PE Kit for Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

- Pair of suitable trainers (preferably black)
- Navy Track suit or navy hooded top with logo and plain navy tracksuit bottoms

Please ensure all items of clothing and equipment are permanently marked with your child's name.

Footwear

The children require a pair of sensible black shoes which can be worn to and from school and throughout the school day, both inside the building and while children are at play. Children will also require a pair of trainers (preferably black) for PE lessons outside and a pair of plimsolls for PE lessons in the hall.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted in school. Earrings are not permitted, and children will be requested to remove them if they wear them to school. Pupils are responsible for the security of their own possessions (including watches and money).

Hair

All shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back behind the head with a plain royal blue band. Short hair should be smartly trimmed (i.e. no 'extreme hairstyles,' shaved patterns, spiking etc.). The definition of what constitutes an 'extreme hairstyle' is at the discretion of the headteacher.

Optional items with school logo:

- Storm Jacket
- Legionnaires Cap
- Baseball cap
- Knitted hat (winter)
- Book bag
- Backpack

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the information available on the website.

In addition, (as can be seen from above) the Governors have decided that in the future if the weather becomes unseasonably warm (as it was for the first couple of weeks in September) then they have authorised myself, as the Headteacher to exercise discretion and extend the **optional** summer term uniform period, with a specific end date.



Parents will be notified of this extension period along with the end date when this is appropriate to do so.

As a school, supported by our parents, we work hard to ensure our children are treated equally with dignity and respect, present well and are ready for all aspects of school life.

We hope that you can appreciate the positive changes made to our school's uniform and hope that by working together our children continue to 'shine' in all that they do.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

I hope you can enjoy a restful and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Batey
Headteacher

