



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

7th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Clarification of School Uniform Requirements

Following the amendment to our uniform policy that we informed parents about last week, we would like to provide some further clarification regarding the rationale behind this decision and our wider approach to school uniform.

As a school, we are committed to supporting families by ensuring that our uniform requirements remain practical, affordable and straightforward. The Department for Education's statutory guidance, ***Cost of School Uniforms***, encourages schools to keep uniform requirements as simple as possible, minimise costs for parents and avoid **unnecessarily specifying** additional items of clothing that families may need to purchase.

As part of a review of the DFE Guidance and our school uniform, the Governing Board agreed to make a small amendment to the uniform policy.

The rationale for this change is to remove the **need** for families to purchase a **different** type of sock specifically for the summer period. We have therefore **removed the direction** to wear a specific sock with the summer dress and summer shorts options.

This amendment simplifies our uniform expectations and removes an unnecessary item of clothing, reflecting the principles set out in the Department for Education's ***Cost of School Uniforms*** statutory guidance, which encourages schools to minimise costs for parents and **avoid requiring families to purchase additional uniform items where these are not essential**.

I am pleased to confirm that there are **no compulsory branded items** within our school uniform. During discussions with Governors, I shared my view that parents are highly supportive of the school's uniform and take great pride in ensuring that their children are presented smartly. Whilst we would prefer pupils to wear the school logo cardigan, sweatshirt and PE T-shirt, parents may choose suitable plain alternatives that comply with our uniform colours and expectations. As a result, **Governors felt there was no need to make branded items compulsory**.

In addition, to further support families, we maintain a wide range of high-quality pre-loved uniform, which is available to all parents for a suggested donation of **£1 per item**. We are grateful to families who donate uniform that is no longer needed, helping us to ensure that affordable uniform options remain available for others within our school community. Parents wishing to access our pre-loved uniform, or to donate items in good condition, should simply enquire at the school office.



We recognise that some pupils may have additional needs, including sensory needs, medical needs or other circumstances that make it difficult to comply with certain aspects of the uniform policy. As a school, we are committed to supporting both children and parents and will consider reasonable adjustments on an individual basis where appropriate. Parents who feel their child may require an alternative arrangement are encouraged to contact the school so that we can discuss their needs and work together to find a suitable solution.

We appreciate that views on school uniform can differ and, following a request from a parent, this amendment will be reviewed by the Full Governing Board at its next meeting. In the meantime, the amendment remains in place as part of the school's current uniform policy.

The school values the views of parents and carers and is committed to ensuring that our policies remain fair, practical and in the best interests of all pupils. Following the Full Governing Board's review of this amendment, we will communicate the outcome to parents and carers in due course.

We appreciate your trust, support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Batey-Headteacher