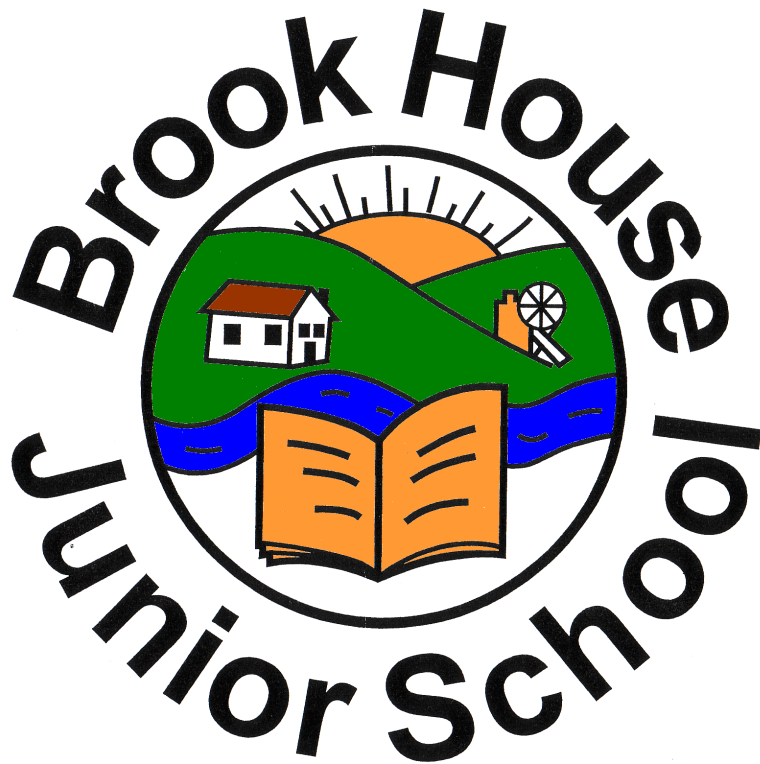


# Brook House Junior School School Uniform Policy



## Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school and participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Our school uniform is:

| <b>Boys</b>                     |                             | <b>Girls</b>                    |   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Polo / School shirt             | <b>White or Pale Blue</b>   | Polo / School shirt             | <b>White or Pale Blue</b>               |
| Cardigan, Sweater or Sweatshirt | <b>Navy</b>                 | Cardigan, Sweater or Sweatshirt | <b>Navy</b>                             |
| Trousers                        | <b>Navy or Black</b>        | Trousers                        | <b>Navy or Black</b>                    |
| Tailored Shorts                 | <b>Navy or Black</b>        | Tailored Shorts                 | <b>Navy or Black</b>                    |
| Shoes or Trainers               | <b>Black</b>                | Skirts, Pinafores or Culottes   | <b>Navy or Black</b>                    |
| Socks                           | <b>Navy, Black or White</b> | Dresses                         | <b>Blue and White Gingham / Striped</b> |
|                                 |                             | Shoes or Trainers               | <b>Black</b>                            |
| P.E. Kit<br>Plain T-Shirt       | <b>'House' Colour</b>       | Socks or Tights                 | <b>Navy, Black or White</b>             |
| Shorts                          | <b>Black or Navy</b>        | P.E. Kit<br>Plain T-Shirt       | <b>'House Colour'</b>                   |
| Plimsolls                       | <b>Black</b>                | Shorts or P.E. Skirt            | <b>Black or Navy</b>                    |
|                                 |                             | Plimsolls                       | <b>Black</b>                            |
|                                 |                             | Hair Ornaments                  | <b>School Colours</b>                   |

### Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

### Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games. Our school has a clear jewellery and body piercing policy which is available to parents on request alongside being on display in our reception area.

### Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this.

Neither do we allow children to wear brightly coloured non black trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

### **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the Headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

### **The role of governors**

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

### **Monitoring and review**

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- Seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it;
- Consider with the Headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- Require the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.

*Mr Hinchliff*

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