



School Uniform Policy and Guidelines

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Bridgnorth Endowed pupils wear their uniform with pride. They enjoy looking smart and demonstrating that they are part of the school community.

Wearing school uniform removes the pressure put on parents to buy expensive and fashionable clothing and it reduces student distraction. Research also shows that students tend to feel more professional and business like when wearing school uniform. It therefore has a positive impact on their learning and achievement.

School Uniform Year 7 – 11

- Navy blue blazer with school badge
- House tie
- Black formal trousers or tartan school skirt or grey tailored shorts (skirts MUST be knee-length)
- Trousers must be a formal style, with straight leg and not skinny fit
- Plain white shirt that fastens and is long enough to be fully tucked in
- The school tie must be tied correctly, and the top button of the shirt fastened
- (Optional) Navy school jumper or cardigan. This can be purchased from the school suppliers
- Plain black socks or tights
- Plain black formal shoes with low heels of leather or imitation leather
- Footwear must not have any colour or logo
- Boots, trainers and pumps are not allowed
- All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name

NOTE: In September 2022, we introduced the new pleated tartan school skirt for the Year 7 cohort. This is an optional choice as an alternative to the black school trousers. A uniform audit was completed, resulting in a minimal difference in the overall cost of the school uniform between boys and girls. In September 2023, the only skirt option for all year groups is the tartan pleated school skirt. We have also introduced the formal grey tailored shorts.

Physical Education (for both boys and girls)

- Plain navy shorts or skort
- Trainers with a good supporting sole
- White short socks
- Navy short sleeved P.E. polo/ T shirt (with school badge)
- Navy football socks (for hockey, rugby, football and orienteering)
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms or sport leggings (No large logos)
- Plain colour swimsuit (trunks/shorts/one piece)
- Shin pads

NOTE: In September 2022, we introduced a new PE kit that could be purchased alongside the original design until such a time that stock lasts. Again, an average cost of uniform audit was completed for all essential items for both boys and girls.

Additional PE Items

- Football boots
- Mouthguard
- Navy school sport jacket with school badge

No jewellery is to be worn for PE lessons.

We have two main uniform providers to give parents a choice and also to cope with demand.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

In 2023, considerate to the rising cost of living crisis, we introduced a second-hand uniform shop on the GROWN OUT OF IT platform:

<https://www.bridgnorthendowed.co.uk/news/bes-launches-second-hand-uniform-shop/>

Parents are encouraged to donate good quality items of uniform and/or school equipment that their children no longer use. It is then advertised on the school's Grown Out of It webpage and resold at a fraction of the original price.

This initiative not only helps parents to save money, but also offers an environmentally-friendly alternative to perfectly good clothes going to landfill.

Jewellery

We permit one small plain hand ring and one small plain stud in each pierced earlobe.

We do not allow nose, eyebrow, lip, tongue or other body piercing, studs, rings, spacers or flesh tunnels. Tattoos are also inappropriate. Badges (unless associated with school activities) are not allowed.

Hair and Make-Up

Hair must be a natural colour and worn in a simple, inconspicuous style. No part of the hair style should be less than grade two. Any graded patterns or design is not allowed.

The wearing of make-up is discouraged. Those wearing excessive make-up will be instructed to remove it. Nail varnish and/or acrylic-coloured nails are not permitted. Nails should be natural looking with no coloured nail varnish.

Outdoor Clothing

Coats must be predominantly dark and singled coloured. They must be plain and not feature excessive patterns or logos.

No "Hoodies" are permitted.

Consequences for Incorrect Uniform

Pupils failing to meet the school's uniform policy will be given a detention and may be internally isolated or sent home.

PLEASE NOTE:

In respect of uniform, Bridgnorth Endowed School will make any final decisions about what uniform is or is not acceptable. Students who are unsure about the suitability of particular items of clothing should refer to our school website or consult with their Head of House before purchasing or wearing such items to school.