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# Burghill Community Academy Uniform Policy



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## **Aims**

Through this policy we aim to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

## **“Learning for Life.”**

Burghill Community Academy will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head Teacher and the Governing Body.

## **Uniform**

In order to maintain a strong sense of identity and belonging within our school, we require all pupils to wear our school uniform (Parents are asked to ensure that all items of uniform brought into school are named), which comprises of:

### **Boys and Girls**

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan, preferably with logo.
- White polo shirt or shirt.
- Charcoal grey trousers or shorts.
- Charcoal grey skirt.
- Charcoal grey pinafore dress.
- Red gingham summer dress.
- Black school shoes (no trainers or heels) – During the winter months, boots can be worn however they must be suitable, plain black with no heel or decorations of any kind.
- Grey/Red tights
- Grey /black socks or white socks with summer dresses/skirts– ankle length, plain
- ***Fashion belts are not part of the school uniform***

### **Indoor PE kit**

- Plain white P.E t-shirt (No vest tops), preferably with logo.
- Red shorts.
- Trainers.

### **Outdoor P.E kit**

- Plain Tracksuit bottoms and a hoody (navy or black)  
BCA sports hoodies are available and optional
- Red shorts
- Trainers

### **Swimming Kit**

- Swimming trunks or shorts that finish above the knee or a one-piece swimsuit (No tankinis or bikinis)
- Towel
- Swimming caps are strongly advised for all pupils but essential for pupils with shoulder-length hair or longer.

**Plimsols are not recommended for PE lessons.**

### **Jewellery**

Jewellery including all necklaces, friendship bracelets, bangles and rings must not be worn to school for safety reasons. Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and - in order to comply with health and safety regulations - must be removed or covered with a plaster during all PE activities.

### **Watches**

Children are permitted to wear analogue watches or simple digital watches when they are able to tell the time. However, they should be removed and either placed in a safe place or collected by the class teacher for safe storage before any PE lessons.

***Smartwatches are not permitted due to the safeguarding issues they present.***

Smartwatches include any watch that has the potential to send/receive messages, take photographs, make recordings and/or connect via Bluetooth to a phone.

*Please note that the school will be unable to take responsibility for any watches or earrings that are lost.*

### **Make Up**

No makeup or nail varnish should be worn to school. If makeup is worn for a second day after the child has been asked for it to be removed; the school may use suitable wipes and ask the child to remove it at school.

#### **Hair**

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour. Hair can be gently spiked on top, but not heavily gelled and spiked in a Mohican style down the back of, or over the entire head. Tramlines shaved into the head are not appropriate for a school setting. Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be plain in colour and match school colours (red/navy/black). No excessively sized bows or character hair bands etc.

#### **Nails**

Pupils must have their nails cut to an appropriate length as long nails may be a health and safety hazard to others (i.e. cuts caused during playtime or PE etc.). Nails should be no longer than the end of a pupil's finger. Pupils should not wear nail varnish or gels, if worn for

a second day after the child has been asked for it to be removed, the school may use suitable wipes and ask the child to remove at school.

### **Non-Uniform Days**

On designated non-school-uniform days, pupils are to wear clothing that is still appropriate for a primary school setting. Clothing must not include any inappropriate logos or slogans and pupils must not arrive showing bare midriffs or wearing very short shorts/skirts – which would be regarded as too short on a normal school day. Pupils whose clothing is not deemed appropriate (at the discretion of school staff) will be asked to change into alternative clothes dropped off by parents/carers or into their PE kit.

### **Other Equipment Basic school equipment**

All children should come to school prepared to learn. They must all bring their School journal/reading diaries etc.

We discourage mobile phones being brought into school, however, if it is necessary it can be allowed with prior agreement from the class teacher. Mobile phones should be switched off and handed into the office to be locked away. The phone can be collected at the end of the school day by the pupil. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones.

No medicine should ever be brought to school by a child - with the exception of inhalers. However, any medication that a child needs to take during the school day should be brought into the school office by a parent or guardian, where a medication form can be filled out.

No money should be brought to school unless for a specific permissible purpose and is the child's responsibility at all times.

Bags to carry equipment and belongings in, should be of a reasonable size as space in the cloakrooms is limited.

### **Role of the Staff**

- Set a good example in terms of smart, professional dress.
- Only wear sportswear on days when teaching PE/running after-school sports clubs/taking part in physical outdoor activities.
- Appropriate sportswear, such as a tracksuit and trainers, must be worn when teaching PE or games.
- No jeans or denim to be worn at any time.

### **Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body**

The Executive Headteacher and staff ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.

The Executive Headteacher and staff have a duty to enforce the school uniform policy throughout the school community, as part of their duty to maintain day to day discipline in the school.

The Governing body should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers, concerning uniform; handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

### **Role of the Parents/Guardians**

To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy.

Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas parties or charity fund raising.

Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes with the school pupils and personnel sub-committee of the governing body following the schools complaints procedure.

### **Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies such as Race relations, sex discrimination and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Burghill Community Academy is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.