

# Blackrod Primary School

## Uniform Policy



Our uniform policy has been designed with our children, parents, staff and community in mind; enabling our children to be part of the Blackrod Primary School community and access a curriculum which develops the skills, attitudes and knowledge to prepare them for life within and beyond school.

This uniform policy underpins our curriculum vision, design and values.

# **Blackrod Primary School 'A joy in Learning and Life'**

## **Intent**

*Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school.*

*The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Blackrod Primary School, parents agree to support our policy.*

### **Our policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:**

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in school;
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart;
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance;
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be);
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money;
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **Linked documents**

[Developing school uniform policy - GOV.UK](#)

## **Implementation**

Branded uniform with the school logo; sweatshirts, fleeces, polo shirts and PE Kits are all available from Whittakers and Andrew Leach.

All uniform and PE kit items can be bought from a variety of shops and supermarkets at a reasonable price.

We do not require children to wear branded uniform

If any parents do have any difficulties then please contact the school for support and guidance.

## **Blackrod Primary School Uniform**

### **EYFS Picasso Class**

Marl Grey Polo t-shirt

Burgundy Sweatshirt/Cardigan

Charcoal Grey Jogging trousers

White/grey/black or burgundy socks

Black/navy plain trainers

Wellies

Waterproof jacket and trousers

### **KS1-KS2 (Milhazes – Mackintosh Classes)**

Marl Grey Polo t-shirt

Burgundy Sweatshirt/Cardigan

Grey trousers/shorts/skirt or pinafore

White/grey/black or burgundy socks

Plain black shoes (not trainers/pumps)

During the summer months, KS1 and KS2 children may opt to wear blue and white gingham clothing e.g dresses/shorts and blouses

Wellies

### **PE KIT**

All children must have:

School PE kit – Navy blue shorts and plain navy PE t-shirt

Trainers

Navy blue plain tracksuit (Sweatshirt or hoody and jogging bottoms)

### **OPAL (Outdoor play and Learning)**

As a proud OPAL Platinum-accredited school, we believe in the value of outdoor play all year round. Children have access to the school grounds in all seasons, whatever the weather! To ensure they can enjoy these opportunities safely and comfortably, we ask that every child has a pair of wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school every day. Being prepared means they can make the most of our fantastic outdoor spaces, come rain or shine.

## **Forest School**

We are an accredited Forest School, when a class has their forest school sessions we ask that parents provide warm, suitable clothing and footwear.

Children will need wellies and waterproof coat and trousers or suits for Forest School sessions.

*Remember to mark any clothing with names. The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if clothing is clearly marked, will make every effort to see lost items are returned.*

*Please reduce the 'risks' by ensuring that every garment or piece of clothing (including footwear) is clearly marked with your child's name.*

## **School Bags**

Reception to Year 5 Classes (Picasso – Ringgold)

Children in Reception class are provided with a School Book Bag. Parents who wish to purchase a replacement are able to buy them from the school office. These are suitable for storage throughout school and are adequately sized for the items a child needs to bring each day: Water Bottle, Home/School Diary and a reading book.

PE Kits should be stored in an appropriate drawstring pump bag that can be hung up in the cloakroom area.

\*Year 6 children (Mackintosh and Ringgold Class) are able to bring their belongings and PE kit in one reasonably sized bag of their choice

## **Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear any jewellery in school, including earrings. Children wearing jewellery may be unable to take part in key activities such as PE, Forest School, OPAL play, or working with the school dog, as these require full compliance with risk assessments. If a child comes to school wearing earrings, they will be asked to remove them or may be asked to have them removed before returning the following day. Children may wear a watch, provided it does not make calls or connect to the internet, and watches must be removed for PE lessons. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe and fully included in our school experiences.

## **Hair**

Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. All children, girls and boys, are required to have their long hair tied back.

## **Make up and nails**

At Blackrod Primary School, children must not wear make-up, nail varnish, or artificial nails. These expectations help us maintain a safe, practical, and age-appropriate

learning environment. Artificial nails, in particular, can pose a safety risk during active play, PE lessons, and hands-on activities, where they may cause injury to the wearer or others. If a child attends school wearing make-up, they will be asked to remove it. Similarly, if a child comes to school with artificial nails, we expect these to be removed before they return the following day. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe, comfortable, and ready to learn.

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

The Head teacher:

- Implements and monitor the policy throughout the school community as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school;
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained;
- Is responsible for any disciplinary measures required for failing to follow the uniform rules;
- Issues letters to parents / carers as required.

The Governing Body:

- Should support the Head Teacher and the school staff in implementing the uniform policy and actively promote the intent of the school policy
- It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- Should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise;

### **Role of the staff**

The school staff will:

- Make discreet and sympathetic enquiries when children fail to wear school uniform;
- Give positive encouragement to children setting good examples of dress.

### **Role of the Children**

The Children will:

- Wear the school uniform when attending school or representing the school
- Wear the school uniform with pride;
- Wear the correct PE kit during PE lessons
- Wear forest school clothing during forest school sessions

## **Role of the Parents /Carers**

The parents/carers will:

- Support the School Uniform Policy;
- Ensure children come properly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork every day;
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named – this helps lost items be easily identified and returned;
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school complaints procedure.

## **Pre-Loved Uniform**

Blackrod Primary School encourages families to donate uniform they no longer need.

In collaboration with the School and Eco Council, we will host Pre-loved uniform sales regularly throughout the school year. The School councils aim to raise additional funds for school and reduce landfill by running these uniform sales.

A voluntary donation box will be available for each sale but there is no obligation to make a donation.

Pre-Loved uniform is available to families at any time. If you require an item of uniform, please ask at the school office and if available, we will be able to provide you with the items. There is no charge for pre-loved uniform.

## **Inclusion**

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their 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. Blackrod Primary School 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.

## **Non-compliance with the School and P.E Uniform Policy**

We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school or P.E uniform (lost or damaged) then we ask parents to contact us on the day to confirm the reason.

- If a child breaches the school uniform or P.E uniform policy, the teaching team will discreetly talk to them to find out why they are not in uniform and if needed contact parents/carers to discuss the concern
- If a child is not sent to school in school uniform for a second time a letter/communication via email or school app will be sent home to parents identifying this breach.
- If a child does not have their PE kit, a reminder will be sent via the school app. If this occurs on three or more occasions, letter will be sent home to parents identifying this breach.
- The Head teacher may feel the need to contact parents / carers to bring some suitable uniform to school immediately.
- As an alternative to this, a supply of clean, spare uniform will be kept in school and if they are uncomfortable because they are not wearing a uniform, children may given the choice to wear it.

### **Supporting School Policy**

All staff at Blackrod Primary School are expected to uphold and consistently apply school policies. If a child is not following a policy, staff will address the issue appropriately with the child and where necessary, with parents or carers.

We kindly ask that staff are not blamed for doing so, they are fulfilling their professional responsibility. If a parent or carer chooses not to support a policy, they are placing their child in a position where the matter will need to be addressed in school.

This policy is to be upheld and it is not a suitable use of school resources to hold meetings to discuss or challenge it. Therefore, meetings will not be offered in relation to uniform policy concerns.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and consistent environment for all.

## Appendix

Date:

Dear Parent,

We noticed that your child .....in .....  
Class was not wearing their school uniform in school today.

I am sure you will appreciate the many advantages of wearing school uniform as listed in our School Uniform Policy both for you and your child in school.

As our policy states: "Within our school we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates."

We would therefore be very grateful if you could make sure that your child is dressed appropriately every school day. If there is some problem preventing you from ensuring your child wears school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to discuss the situation.

We would hope to be of help in supporting you and your child in fulfilling our policy.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs Mead

Headteacher