



UNIFORM POLICY

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1. Introduction

At Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School, we pride ourselves on being smart, well presented and ready for learning. It is our school policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos, and which is cost effective. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy.

Any child who attracts the Pupil Premium funding, will be entitled to funding towards a full set of school uniform on first joining the school.

2. Aims and objectives

- Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:
- Fosters a sense of pride in the school
- Promotes a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money

3. Our Uniform

Items with a school logo can be purchased online from Skoolkit – www.skoolkit.co.uk

Other items can be purchased at a competitive price from local stores, supermarkets or via online clothes retailers.

Reception, Year 1 & 2	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Winter Uniform	Winter Uniform
Grey or navy skirt/pinafore	Grey or navy skirt/pinafore
Grey trousers	Grey trousers
White polo shirt	White shirt/blouse
Navy cardigan or sweatshirt with CB school logo (from Skoolkit)	Navy cardigan or sweatshirt with CB school logo (from Skoolkit)
White, grey, navy socks or tights	White, grey, navy socks or tights
Sensible shoes or boots – black/brown/navy (not trainers)	School tie (available from school)
Wellington Boots (in school)	Sensible shoes or boots – black/brown/navy (not trainers)
Summer Uniform	Summer Uniform
Blue checked/striped dress	Blue checked /striped dress
Grey shorts or trousers	Grey shorts or trousers
Navy cardigan or sweatshirt with CB school logo (from Skoolkit)	Navy cardigan or sweatshirt with CB school logo (from Skoolkit)
White polo shirt	White shirt/blouse
White, grey, blue socks	White, grey, blue socks
Sensible shoes – black/brown/navy (not trainers)	School tie (available from school)
Wellington Boots (in school)	Sensible shoes - black/brown/navy (not trainers)
PE Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Navy T-shirt with CB school logo (Skoolkit) or plain blue t-shirt ➤ Navy shorts/skort ➤ Navy jogging trousers/leggings ➤ Navy sweatshirt/fleece ➤ Trainers 	

3.1 Adaptations for Weather

In the cold weather, children are expected to wear coats and are permitted to wear a hat, scarf and gloves. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. On hot sunny days children should bring a sunhat and come to school wearing sunscreen as teachers are not permitted to apply sunscreen.

4. Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted on safety grounds except for watches. Children with pierced ears should wear studs but these should be removed for P.E. on the grounds of safety. Children should be able to remove earrings by themselves. For newly pierced ears we do allow surgical tape to be used, but we strongly recommend

that ear piercing takes place at the beginning of the Summer Holidays to allow time for ears to heal.

Medical jewellery (for example allergy bands) are allowed but should be able to be removed for PE lessons unless negotiated with staff.

Watches (except smart watches which are prohibited) are positively encouraged but need to be removed for PE.

Spectacles to be carried in a proper, named spectacles case.

5. Hair

Hair needs to be of a natural colour and hairstyles should be appropriate for a primary school child. Hair bands/bows/scrunchies etc should be small, plain and navy blue or white in colour.

6. Make up and Cosmetics

Make up, including nail varnish, or any nail decoration, is not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform policy. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any child unless there is a specific event for which the Headteacher has given consent.

7. Shoes

Shoes to be sensible with flat soles and either black, brown or navy blue. During the colder weather sensible boots with flat soles are permitted in either black, brown or navy blue. Trainers (apart from during PE) are not permitted.

8. Naming clothing

Please name all items of clothing. This way we can return it to you. The school cannot be held accountable for any lost items.

9. Toys/cuddly toys/sports equipment

Toys, cuddly toys, or sports items (balls/bats etc) are not part of the school uniform and should not be brought into school. If an individual child's wellbeing requires a cuddly toy to be brought into class but kept in their bag then this will need to be negotiated with the Headteacher.

10. Swimming

Children should wear a one-piece swimsuit or swim shorts for school swimming lessons.

11. Inclusion

11.1 Affordability

The Governors of Coombe Bissett Primary School recognise that keeping costs to a minimum for parents is important in making our uniform inclusive and accessible to all. Therefore, the only items with a logo that are compulsory are a sweatshirt/cardigan for all children.

11.2 Second Hand Uniform

Second Hand Uniform is stocked by the Friends of Coombe Bissett and is available to buy by contacting the Friends via the school office or their Facebook page, and is also sold at one of their regular second-hand uniform sales. In case of hardship in purchasing school uniform, please speak in confidence with the Headteacher.

11.3 Religious Grounds

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from our school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically.

11.4 Exceptional Circumstances

Special dispensation can be requested for temporary exemption from the prescribed school uniform or elements of it. This will usually be on medical grounds or for other special circumstances.

11.5 Extra-Curricular Activities

Should your child be asked to represent our school at an extra-curricular sports event, such as football, netball or running, they will be provided with a Coombe Bissett sports kit to borrow, which should be returned to school, washed and in good condition as soon as practicable after the event.

12. Role of the Class Teacher and Support Staff

Staff will support the Headteacher and Governors in maintaining high standards of uniform and should ensure that they are role models in the wearing of appropriate clothing. Where pupils fail to wear the correct uniform, staff should make discreet and sympathetic enquiries. If staff members are concerned that a pupil's standard of dress is due to a safeguarding issue, they will refer this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

13. Role of the Headteacher

- Ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- Implement the school uniform policy throughout the school community, as part of the duty to maintain day to day discipline in the school.
- Speak to the parents of children who persistently do not wear the correct uniform.

14. Role of the Parents/Carers

- To ensure that their child/children has the correct uniform at all times, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is on all items.
- If a parent has difficulties for any reason fulfilling this request, they are asked to speak confidentially to the Headteacher.
- Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform will be loaned an appropriate item from school where possible.

15. Role of Governors

The Governing Body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school's uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform 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 regulations concerning equal opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

16. Changes to School Uniform

The Governors will endeavour to keep changes to our school uniform to a minimum. If a significant uniform change, (e.g. change of colour) were proposed, parents would be consulted before implementation, and the old uniform would remain as acceptable uniform for a reasonable period of time to minimise financial impact on parents.

17. Non-Compliance

If a pupil arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform, school will endeavour to find the cause and remedy the situation. Should the problem persist, parents/carers may be invited to speak to the Headteacher to see how school can help to resolve the issue.

18. Lost Property

Please help us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners by clearly labelling all clothing items with your child's name.

19. Monitoring and Reviewing

The Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy
- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform
- Regularly benchmarking the prices of our compulsory school uniform with other schools.

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