

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY: YEARS 7-11

Reviewed by Learning Resources Committee, Spring 2011

Approved by Full Governing Body, Spring 2011

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PURPOSE

To promote inclusion and engagement with the school, students will be required to wear uniform items for day-to-day wear as well as in some subjects, such as PE.

GUIDANCE

- The uniform will be decided from time to time by the Headteacher, in consultation with Governors, students and parents. (Uniform requirements are itemised in Appendix 1).
- Full school uniform must be worn to and from school on school days, and on day-time visits, away sports fixtures and by students on duty at school functions.
- All students must keep their hair tidy and of reasonable length. This should not be exceptionally short or long. Hair dyed in unnatural or varied colours is not permitted, nor are extravagant hairstyles.
- Make-up is not allowed in Years 7-11, nor is coloured nail varnish.
- In Years 7-11, no jewellery or body piercing is allowed, apart from one plain stud or small ring in one or both ears.
- A hardship fund will be sustained to pay for uniform in cases of need. At a minimum, families in receipt of free school meals or in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit will be offered help. Requests for help will be considered (see Appendix 2).
- Uniform requirements will be enforced by all staff.
- Students who consistently fail to wear full uniform may be sent home to change.
- Uniform for any individual may be modified in the light of cultural or disability issues or special needs.

IMPLEMENTATION

Students and parents will be notified of the uniform requirements via Bartholonews, student planners, induction packs and the school website.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- The school will conduct occasional uniform checks to ensure compliance, and will report the statistics to Governors.
- There will be an annual review of supply arrangements and costs.
- The level of financial support provided will be reported to the Governors on an annual basis.

Signed by Chairman

Date

All uniform items, except shirts, to be worn with ties, shoes, socks and tights, are unique to the school. They are unique because they carry a discrete but visible school logo, which will ensure clarity for students, parents and staff.

Uniform is available from the following suppliers:

The School Wear Company

4 Oxford Street

Newbury

Berkshire

RG14 1JB

Tel: 01635 35350 Fax: 01635 43500

Email: info@theschoolwearcompany.com

Web: www.theschoolwearcompany.com

Hawkinsport & Son

37-39 The Parade

Bourne End

Bucks.

SL8 5SB

Tel: 01628 819242

Fax: 01628 850464

Email: sales@hawkinsport.co.uk

Web: www.hawkinsport.co.uk

Nearly new uniform may be purchased from the Parents' Association. Contact details are published on the school website and in Bartholonews.

APPENDIX 1.

Day Wear:

BOYS	GIRLS
Black blazer with embroidered house badge	Black blazer with embroidered house badge
Black school trousers, embroidered with house badge	Black A line skirt, knee length with embroidered house logo (girls) or Black school trousers with embroidered house logo
School shirt –white, long or short sleeve	School shirt –white, long or short sleeve
School tie	School Tie
Grey sweatshirt with school logo (Years 7-9)	Grey sweatshirt with school logo (Years 7-9)
Long Sleeved / Sleeveless black jumper, with school logo (Years 10-11)	Long Sleeved / Sleeveless black jumper, with school logo (Years 10-11)

PE Kit:

BOYS	GIRLS
White polo shirt with embroidered house logo	White polo shirt with embroidered house logo
Black tracksuit bottoms	Black tracksuit bottoms
White shorts	Black skort Black shorts
House colour reversible rugby jersey with printed logo	Purple sweatshirt with printed logo
Long green games socks	Long purple games socks
Football boots	Lacrosse Boots
Short white ankle / trainer socks	Short white ankle / trainer socks
Mouth Guard	Mouth Guard

APPENDIX 2.

SUPPORT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

In the interests of inclusion and the maintenance of high standards, the school will provide financial support to provide uniform for eligible families

Students will be entitled to support with school uniform if they are eligible for free school meals or their parent(s) are in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed the advised maximum.

If a student registers for free school meals* or their parents are in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit parents may be eligible to receive the following uniform items free of charge:

- one Blazer
- a pair of Trousers (1) or a skirt (1)

These two uniform items will be supplied on joining the school and thereafter as needed, but no more than once a year.

Before purchasing any school uniform, students must register, in complete confidence, with the school's Finance Department. Eligible parents will be supplied with a Purchase Support Order Form, stamped and signed by the finance Office, which may be presented to one of the school uniform suppliers for the purchase of the two items of uniform.

No financial refunds will be given for previously purchased items.

In the case of extreme hardship, requests for assistance will be considered from families not in receipt of free school meals or in receipt of the Working Tax Credit, on application to Mrs Sims, Deputy Headteacher, who will liaise with the Finance Office.

It is understood that any uniform supplied under this scheme and in good condition will be returned to the school if the student out-grows it or leaves the school.

*** Eligibility for free school meals:**

To be eligible for free school meals families must be in receipt of one of the following:

- *Income Support*
- *Income Based Job Seekers Allowance*
- *Child Tax Credit (but not entitled to Working Tax Credit and annual income to not exceed £14,495)*
- *Guarantee element of State Pension Credit or*
- *National Asylum Support.*