



Lady Boswell's C.E.
(Aided) Primary School

*Learning Together,
Christ at the centre,
Learning for Life*

UNIFORM POLICY

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We value every member of our community as a unique child of God and seek to demonstrate His love through our words and actions. We enable every child to achieve their full potential so that they leave us with their heads inspired and their hearts enriched.

As a result, our children will:

Develop a positive sense of self and well-being; confident to make the right choices and keep themselves safe in an ever-changing society

Strive for academic excellence, developing a thirst for knowledge and a love of learning

Become effective communicators, collaborators and leaders

Be resilient, resourceful and courageous

Be curious, creative individuals and confident problem solvers

Grow in spiritual awareness and develop a strong moral compass and a deepening understanding of the Christian faith in a multi-faith British society

Become responsible and tolerant global citizens who value diversity, forgive readily, and have concern for the needs of each other, the school, the wider community, and the planet.

Uniform Policy

1. Aim

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- We will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

2. Our School's legal duties under the Equality Act 2010

The [Equality Act 2010](#) prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics, which include sex, race, religion or belief, and gender reassignment.

To avoid discrimination, our School will:

- Avoid listing uniform items based on sex, to give all pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in or that most reflects their self-identified gender.
- Make sure that our uniform costs the same for all pupils.

- Allow all pupils to have long hair (though we reserve the right to ask for this to be tied back).
- Allow all pupils to style their hair in the way that is appropriate for School yet makes them feel most comfortable.
- Allow pupils to request changes to swimwear for religious reasons.
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and other religious or cultural symbols.
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents to get in touch with the School Office who can answer questions about the policy and respond to any requests.

3. Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our School has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department of Education on the cost of school uniform.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost.
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible, for example, by only asking that the jumper, worn over the shirt, features the school logo.
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost or long-lasting items.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes.
- Keeping the number of optional branded items to a minimum, so that the School's uniform can act as a social leveller.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different years.
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities.
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items.
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimizing the financial impact on parents of any changes.
- Consulting with parents and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy.

- No pupil will be penalised due to financial hardship. Any family or carer having difficulty purchasing the correct uniform may speak, in confidence, with the Co-Headteachers.

4. Our School's Uniform

Those items marked * below can be bought from Horncastles in Sevenoaks. Those items that are highlighted bear the School logo and are compulsory branded items. All other items, e.g. white shirts, grey trousers, pinafores, etc can be bought from any supplier. Second hand uniform sales are run on a regular basis by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Shoes

Children wear smart black school shoes to and from school and in the school building. We ask each child to bring in a separate pair of shoes, e.g. wellies or boots to wear outside at break and lunchtime play.

Bags

*Children in KS1 have a book bag for daily use. This has the School logo and can be purchased from Horncastles.

KS2 children will need to bring an appropriately strong bag to School. We encourage the use of appropriately-sized rucksacks.

Horncastles supply school rucksacks, shoe bags and swimming bags but these are not compulsory.

Year-Round Uniform

Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress

White Shirt (long or short-sleeved, with collar, not a polo shirt)

*School jumper or cardigan with School bearing School logo

School Tie (elasticated ties are available for the younger children) The school tie must conform to the maroon and silver stripe and can be bought at Horncastles or on line on Amazon.

Plain grey or white socks (long or short)/grey tights

Black School Shoes (not trainers or boots. Heels no higher than 1.5 inches)

Winter coats (ideally in a dark colour) or *School Fleece as a coat

*Maroon swimming trunks/one-piece swimming costume/ Alternatively, black ones can alternatively be purchased from a wide variety of high street stores.

Maroon School Swimming cap (available to purchase from the School Office)

Sun hat

Summer Uniform

Red and white striped dress (not gingham or checked) /grey shorts

Sun hat

PE Kit

*Maroon or black skirt or shorts

*PE shirt bearing School logo (different colours depending on your child's School House)

Black plimsolls

White sports sock

*Jogging trousers – Black or maroon (optional and not needed at all in Year R & 1)

*Maroon Lady Boswell's PE Hoodie or plain maroon sweatshirt

Hair and Jewellery

Long hair should be tied up at all times. Hair ties and bands should be plain and without embellishment. Dyed hair and nail polish are not permitted. Only watches and plain stud earrings are allowed and these must be removed for PE lessons. Swimming hats must be worn by all children (these can be purchased from the School Office).

Uniform Tips

Please ensure that every item of uniform is clearly marked with your child's name.

It is acceptable for children to come back in September in summer uniform when the weather is good.