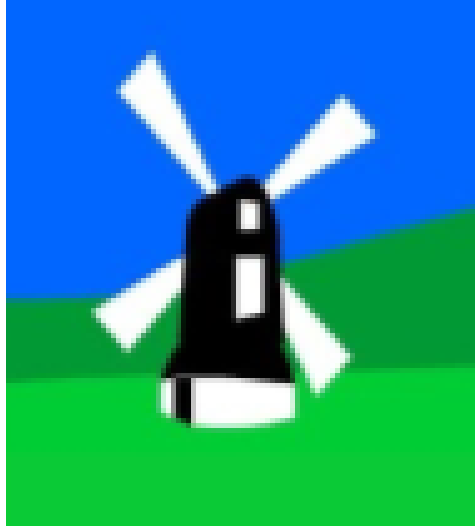


School uniform policy



Brookmead School

September 2026
Due for review 2027

Brookmead School Uniform Policy – Updated Version (2026)

(Updated to reflect current DfE statutory guidance on the cost of school uniform and equality requirements)

1. Aims

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.
- Explain how we will avoid discrimination in line with our legal duties under the Equality Act 2010.
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform.

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2. Legal Duties Under the Equality Act 2010

Brookmead School complies with the Equality Act 2010, ensuring no discrimination based on protected characteristics. We will:

- Avoid listing uniform items by sex.
- Ensure uniform costs are the same for all pupils.
- Allow long hair for all pupils (required to be tied back).
- Allow hairstyles that are appropriate for school; hair accessories must be **blue, white, black or grey** and not novelty.
- Allow adaptations to swimwear for religious reasons.
- Allow religious garments and head coverings.
- Make reasonable adjustments for pupils with sensory or physical needs.
- Consider requests for adaptations on a case-by-case basis via the school office.
- Allow pupils to wear headscarves and/or other religious garments.

3. Limiting the Cost of School Uniform

Brookmead follows the **DfE 2024 statutory guidance** requiring schools to:

- Keep branded items to a minimum.
- Ensure parents can purchase uniform from multiple retailers.
- Provide access to second-hand uniform.

- Avoid frequent changes to uniform.

We will ensure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost.
- Provides best value for money.
- Minimises items with distinctive characteristics.
- Offers non branded alternatives .
- Keeps optional branded items to a minimum.
- Ensures second-hand uniform is available via the PTA.
- Avoids frequent specification changes.
- Allows small plain stud earrings only (not for PE).

4. Expectations for School Uniform

4.1 Day-to-Day Uniform

- White polo shirt (non branded or branded)
- Grey trousers / skirt / shorts / pinafore (non branded), skirts and shorts to be knee length
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan (non branded or branded)
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers (must be enclosed and fully black – no coloured logos)
- Year 6 only – blue and yellow striped tie (compulsory for Year 6 only)
- Royal blue fleece (non branded or branded) – worn over a jumper, not instead of
- Blue checked summer dress (seasonal and optional)

Additional requirements:

- Shorts / skirts/dresses/pinafores must be knee length or below
- Hair accessories must be blue, black, grey or white; no novelty items

4.2 PE Kit

- Pale blue t-shirt (non branded or branded)
- Royal blue football-style shorts (non branded) cycle / tight shorts not appropriate
- Trainers (any colour for PE)

Optional/seasonal items:

- Royal blue / dark blue / black / grey tracksuit bottoms (non branded)
- Blue fleece (non branded or branded) – worn over a jumper only
- Royal blue jumper (non branded or branded)

Leggings, cycle shorts and Nike Pro style shorts are not acceptable for PE.

4.3 Forest School Clothing

- Jogging bottoms (in line with PE kit, ideally black/dark blue as they will not show the dirt)
- Blue fleece or royal blue jumper
- Pale blue or white long-sleeved T-shirt
- OR pale blue PE top with long sleeved top underneath
- Long socks
- Boots or sturdy shoes (wellies/trainers or walking boots)
- Waterproof coat and trousers
- Spare PE kit (including socks)

4.4 Second-Hand Uniform

Available via the PTA at significantly reduced cost. Parents may email the PTA directly to request items.

4.5 Cultural and Religious Dress

Brookmead respects all faiths and cultures. Pupils may wear:

- Grey tunic
- Royal blue shalwar kameez
- Grey trousers under a skirt
- White long-sleeved top under a summer dress
- Patkas, Hijabs, Kippurs and Turbans in **royal blue fabric**

5. Expectations for Our School Community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils must wear correct uniform:

- On school premises
- Travelling to/from school
- At school-organised events or trips

Requests for amendments must be made via the school office.

5.2 Parents and Carers

Parents must ensure uniform is:

- Clean

- Clearly labelled
- In good condition

Requests for adaptations may be made regarding:

- Protected characteristics, please speak with SENDCo regarding this who can support you with adjustments to uniform to support your child.

5.3 Staff

Staff will monitor uniform and follow up with families where needed. Financial hardship will be approached mindfully, with support from the Pupil Premium lead.

5.4 Governors

Governors will ensure the policy:

- Is appropriate
- Is implemented fairly
- Reflects parent and pupil views
- Prioritises cost and value for money
- Avoids single-supplier contracts
- Is reviewed at least every five years

6. Monitoring Arrangements

Reviewed every five years and approved by the full governing body.

7. Links to Other Policies

- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Information and Objectives
- Complaints Policy

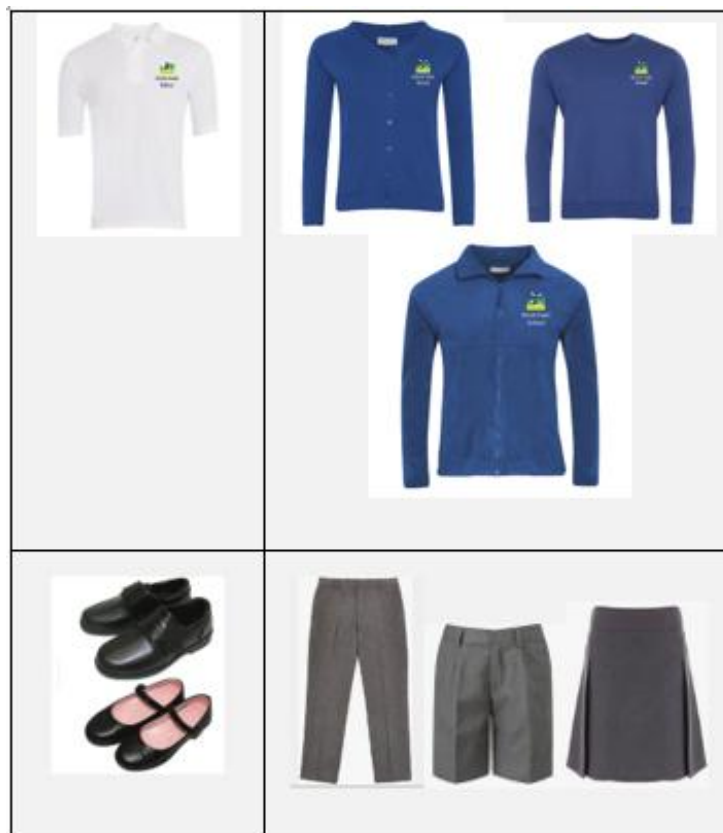
Brookmead School - uniform for day to day wear

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- Year 6 only – blue and yellow striped tie (compulsory for Year 6 only)
- Royal blue fleece (non branded or branded) – worn over a jumper, not instead of
- Blue checked summer dress (seasonal and optional)

Additional expectations:

- Shorts / skirts/dresses/pinafores must be knee length or below
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- Waterproof coat and trousers
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SECOND HAND UNIFORM AVAILABLE DIRECTLY BY CONTACTING THE PTA. IF YOUR CHILD IS IN RECEIPT OF PUPIL PREMIUM PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH LOGOS.

At Brookmead School we respect all faiths and cultures and understand this can involve specific dress codes.

Children who wear modesty dress for cultural or religious purposes can wear -

- Grey tunic
- Shalwar kameez in royal blue fabric
- Grey trousers underneath a school skirt
- A white long sleeve top underneath a summer dress
- All headdresses including Patkas, Hijabs, Kippurs and Turbans can be worn in royal blue fabric