

# **Uniform Policy**

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Breckland School is an exceptional school: outward facing and at the heart of our community. We have uncompromising aspirations for all. Through high expectations, brave and ambitious teaching we develop a love of learning enabling students to achieve more than they ever thought possible and thrive in an everchanging world. As a small school, we know all our students and are proud of each-and-every one. Breckland School provides a secure environment for teaching and learning, where teachers can teach, and students can learn. This policy and any associated procedures are based on this vision and set of values.

## 1 Introduction

It is Breckland School's policy that all students wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. The Local Governing Body of the School decides on the uniform policy and it is the Head of School's responsibility to ensure the students keep to the rules. It is the families' responsibility to arrive at school in appropriate uniform daily.

# 2 Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Identifies students of the school and engenders a sense of community and belonging
- Promotes equality amongst the students in terms of appearance and acceptance

# 3 Role of the Family

We ask that all families to support the school uniform policy. We believe that families have the duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of the family is to ensure their child is wearing the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

# 4 Uniform Clothing

	Shirt and Trouser Uniform		Pinafore Uniform	
•	Charcoal grey tailored straight-legged trousers – these must not be skin-tight and a minimum of 4cm of material can be pinched immediately below the knee  Black trousers are not permitted  Belts must be plain black  Breckland School tank top (optional)		Breckland checked pinafore dress (the dress must remain at full length and not tucked up at the waist)  White long/short sleeved blouse  Breckland School cardigan (optional)  Breckland School scarf to be worn with pinafore and blouse	
•	White long/short sleeved shirt	•	Breckland School blazer	
•	Breckland School tie  Breckland School blazer  Socks are to be plain dark grey or plain black, with no logos		Socks are to be plain dark grey or plain black; or long/short plain grey tights, with no logos  White socks are not acceptable	
Footwear				

#### Footwear

Sensible flat plain black formal leather shoes with no visible logos (and which would be suitable when worn with formal clothing, such as a suit) are the expected footwear for all. Canvas shoes, boots and trainers are not acceptable.

#### **Jewellery**

- Stud earrings (two studs in each ear) no other visible piercings are permitted
- A wristwatch
- No other jewellery is permitted (this includes wrist bands)

### Accessories, make-up, and hairstyles

- No accessories to the school uniform are permitted, other than belts which must be plain black
- Hair styles are not to be extreme in appearance (colour to be natural shades)
- Only clear nail varnish can be worn (no nail extensions or false nails or wearing of coloured polishes)
- Make-up worn should be subtle. Students wearing excessive make-up (including that which enhances eyebrows and eyelashes) will be required to remove it

## **Hoodies and other tops**

- Students must wear the correct uniform to school, in school, and from school
- Hoodies, zip tops and sweatshirts should not be worn

Students who do not meet our uniform expectations will need to rectify this before going into main school circulation. This can be completed by borrowing/removing the item. Any such garments above, which need to be confiscated, will be, and families will be asked to collect them at the end of the school day.

#### 5 Cost considerations

Developing a school uniform policy will require Local Governing Boards to consider a range of factors. As well as thinking about the cost for Families, Local Governing Boards will be considering:

- how the uniform can create a shared identity and common sense of purpose
- what is required practically for classroom lessons or for sport
- obligations under the Equality Act 2010
- safeguarding and health and safety considerations
- the wishes of the family and student

#### Actions schools should take:

- Assess the overall cost implications
- Assess the impact variations in their uniform can have
- Avoid frequent changes
- Consider how costs affect different groups of pupils
- Engage with families
- Avoid needing additional uniform for extra-curricular activities
- Engage with uniform suppliers

More information can be found at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-uniform/school-uniforms</a>