



Brodetsky Primary School Governing Body Documents

# **Brodetsky Primary School Policies**

**Uniform Policy** 

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# 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 families
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

# 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 <u>guidance</u> from the Department for 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 families

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible
- Limiting items with distinctive characteristics to low-cost and/or long-lasting items, such as ties
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- 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 leveler
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for families to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising the financial impact on families of any changes
- Consulting with families and pupils on any proposed significant changes to the uniform policy and carefully considering any complaints about the policy

#### **Expectations for school uniform**

#### Our school's uniform

#### WINTER UNIFORM (After October half term until after Pesach holidays)

Boys

- White polycotton collared long/short-sleeved shirt (not polo)
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo
- Navy trousers or shorts
- Tzitzit and School yarmulke
- Sturdy completely black leather shoes or plain black trainers (no lights)
- Black/navy socks
- Ties for Key Stage 2 boys only (optional)

# Girls

- White polycotton long/short-sleeved shirt (not revere or polo)
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo or royal blue cardigan with the school logo
- Navy blue knee length school skirt or navy pinafore dress
- Sturdy completely black leather shoes or plain black trainers (no lights or heels)
- No boots indoors can be worn outside
- Navy tights/socks
- Ties for Key Stage 2 girls only (optional)

# SUMMER UNIFORM (After Pesach holidays until October half term)

### Boys

- Navy trousers or shorts
- White polycotton short-sleeved shirt
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo
- Tzitzit and School yarmulke
- Sturdy completely black leather shoes or plain black trainers (no lights)
- Black/navy socks

# Girls

- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo or royal blue cardigan with the school logo
- White polycotton short-sleeved shirt not polo
- Royal blue gingham checked summer dress or Navy blue skirt /navy pinafore must be knee length
- Sturdy completely black leather shoes or plain black trainers (no lights or heels); sturdy sandals with toes covered
- No boots indoors can be worn outside
- White ankle socks

#### PE UNIFORM

- Named pump bag
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Navy shorts or Navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- PE T-shirt with school logo (NB for PE only).
- PE Brodetsky Hoody (PE uniform) or Brodetsky Jumper/Cardigan (everyday uniform)

In winter when girls are wearing tights please supply socks.

**Indoor shoe policy**: No wet or muddy outdoor shoes or boots should be worn in school. Children may change into a suitable dry pair of plain, black shoes.

**Jewellery**: Pierced ears may have small studs in them and analogue watches may be worn (except on swimming days). Otherwise no jewellery or smartwatches are allowed.

Hair accessories: Only a plain blue, gingham patterned, white or black hairband or small plain clips in those colours can be worn. Hair bows should be kept small. Long hair should be tied back

Nail varnish: No nail varnish should be worn.

Book Bags: Brodetsky logo book bag (not a satchel)

**Coats:** We expect children to bring a suitable coat everyday as they will be outside in all weather.

**Year 4 Swimming:** On swimming days, children should come to school in their swimming costume with their PE kit worn over the top. They must bring a towel and underwear in a named bag. Googles are optional.

Boys: Black or Navy blue swimming trunks

Girls: One-piece black or navy blue swimming costume

#### Where to purchase it

Brodetsky Primary School use Rawcliffe's uniform shop who are based in Oakwood.

Address: Rawcliffe's Schoolwear Centre

617-619 Roundhay Road Oakwood Leeds LS8 4AR

Telephone number 0113 2494025

Email: leedsrawcliffes@gmail.com

Other items of clothing such as white shirts, grey skirts, grey dresses, black trousers can be purchased widely at many high street retailers.

Alternatively, support Brodetsky's PTA whilst also being kind to the planet by purchasing from our good quality, pre-loved shop

#### **Expectations for our school community**

#### Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Pupils are also expected to contact the Executive Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

#### Families

Families are expected to make sure their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that every item is:

- Clean
- Clearly labelled with the child's name
- In good condition

Parents are also expected to contact the Executive Headteacher if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to:

- Their child's protected characteristics
- The cost of the uniform

Parents are expected to lodge any complaints or objections relating to the school uniform in a timely and reasonable manner.

Disputes about the cost of the school uniform will be:

- Resolved locally
- Dealt with in accordance with our school's complaints policy

The school will work closely with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.

# Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the Executive Headteacher if the situation doesn't improve.

Ongoing breaches of our uniform policy will be dealt with by the child receiving uniform comments in their planner.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

# Governors

The governing board will review this policy and make sure that it:

- Is appropriate for our school's context
- Is implemented fairly across the school
- Takes into account the views of families and pupils
- Offers a uniform that is appropriate, practical and safe for all pupils

The board will also make sure that the school's uniform supplier arrangements give the highest priority to cost and value for money, for example by avoiding single supplier contracts and by re-tendering contracts at least every 5 years.

# **Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team. At every review, it will be approved by the Teaching, Learning & Inclusion Governing committee.

# Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour, Anti-Bullying & Trauma policy
- Equality information and objectives statement
- Complaints policy