

Boyton Primary School



BOYTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

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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

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 Head of School, scook@lewannick.net, 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 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 parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Offering parents the option of their child wearing uniform that has the school logo but this is not compulsory.
- Avoiding specific requirements for items pupils could wear on non-school days, such as coats, bags and shoes
- 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 parents to acquire second-hand uniform items
- Avoiding frequent changes to uniform specifications and minimising 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

4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school's uniform

Children at Boyton will be required to wear:

- White polo shirt
- Navy sweat shirt, cardigan or fleece
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- In summer, children can wear a blue gingham dress or playsuit
- White or grey socks or tights

Children need to have named wellies and a water proof coat (Waterproof trousers or all in one waterproof suit is recommended but is optional)

For PE children at Boyton will be required to wear:

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- PE jumper or tracksuit top
- Tracksuit trousers
- For swimming, children are required to wear a swim suit (either trunks or swimming costume). Children are not able to wear bikinis.

Children at Boyton may have one pair of stud earrings unless there is a specific religious reason for additional piercings.

Children at Boyton may wish to have any length hair. If it is below their shoulders, it is required that hair is put up. Headscarves may be worn.

Regarding footwear, children need to wear black school shoes. Black trainers are able to be worn at the discretion of the Head of School.

Children need to have a school bag but this does not need to be a school book bag with the school logo.

If PE kit is stored at school, it needs to be in drawstring bag that is able to be easily hung on their peg.

All uniform must be named.

4.2 Where to purchase it

Parents and carers can buy school uniform from any widely known retailer or from

At school we have a supply of second hand uniform that is available to any parent or child who requires it.

At intervals throughout the school year, there will be a school uniform 'sale' where parents and carers can buy uniform for a donation.

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 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 Head of School; Mrs Katherine Davies KDavies@andaras.org to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

Parents and carers 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 Head of School, Mrs Katherine Davies katherine.davies@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk 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.

5.3 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 Head of School if the situation doesn't improve.

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.

5.4 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 parents 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.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed yearly by Mrs Katherine Davies, Head of School. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing body.

7. Links to other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy

- Equality information and objectives statement
- Anti-bullying policy
- Complaints policy

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