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## School Uniform Policy

### 1. Rationale

We are very proud of our school uniform and believe that it is important for children to have a level playing field during the school day and not feel any pressures to wear the latest fashion or expensive brand of trainer. We believe that wearing school uniform has a positive effect on improving children's attitudes to classroom and general school behaviour. It also creates a collective and individual pride in children and their identification with the school and fosters a feeling of belonging. Our school uniform also provides safety and security for both individuals and groups. This policy has been developed in accordance with guidance from Department for Education.

### 2. Uniform

- School logo items are optional and are available from our supplier as detailed on the school website [www.banwellprimary.co.uk](http://www.banwellprimary.co.uk)
- Dark green sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan
- White shirt/blouse/polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers/shorts/skirt pinafore, green striped/checked(gingham) optional summer dress
- Dark shade or white socks or black/grey/dark green tights (not leggings)
- Suitable black footwear, no high heels or shoes without backs.
- Boots are suitable in extremes of weather e.g. snow/ice/very wet
- Please ensure items are labelled.
- Green (preferably) or plain coloured cap for Summer with or without school logo

#### 2.1 PE Kit

- White T-shirt plain or school logo
- Green or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Daps, trainers are permitted in Years 5 and 6
- Swimming: Close fitting swimwear, swim cap and towel. Items should be carried in a named waterproof bag, a comb is recommended.
- PE kit should be worn to school on PE days
- House colour plain T-shirt should be worn for Sports Day

### 3. Expectations

- It is essential that all children bring a coat to school for outside play.
- It is expected that school uniform will be worn daily (other than specified non-uniform days)
- All clothing and bags should be clearly marked with your child's name
- Children in EYFS-Y2 are encouraged to have a book bag. The PTA provide a free book bag to all children starting in reception.



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- All children should bring a water bottle to school, the bottle should be labelled with your child's name.
- PE kit should be worn to school on class PE days as published on the class page of the school website.
- The school will provide a main supplier for the uniform and this can be signposted from the school website.
- Children are not allowed to wear make-up, false nails or nail extensions. Pupils wearing make-up/nails will be required to remove it or where appropriate parents will be contacted.
- Hairstyles should be appropriate to the learning environment. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. Large, excessive hair accessories should not be worn.
- Children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school with the exception of:
  - Simple ear-ring studs in pierced ears, these should be removed for PE, games or swimming. Recently pierced ears will need to be covered with micropore tape for these lessons)
  - A watch may be worn. SMART watches are not permitted.

#### 4. Our school's legal duties under Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination against an individual based on the protected characteristics which include, race, disability, religion or belief and sex.

To avoid discrimination our school will:

- Avoid listing uniforms based on sex to give pupils the opportunity to wear the uniform they feel most comfortable in.
- Ensure our uniform costs the same for all pupils.
- Recognise that pupil's hair is personal to them and allow them to style their hair in a way that is appropriate for the learning environment but allows them to feel most comfortable.
- Allow for adaptations to our policy on the grounds of equality by asking pupils or their parents or carers to contact the headteacher who can respond to any request.

#### 5. Limiting the cost of school uniform

We are mindful of the cost of schools uniforms and therefore we will:

- Limit the number of items with distinctive characteristics.
- Ensure school branded items are not a compulsory requirement of the school uniform.
- Ensure all uniform items are affordable for all current and future pupils.



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- Have arrangements in place for parents to acquire pre-loved uniform. Families needing assistance with uniform are encouraged to contact the school office on 01934 822498 or email [office@banwell.extendlearning.org](mailto:office@banwell.extendlearning.org)
- Ensure that uniform items are readily available at a reasonable cost from local shops and supermarkets.