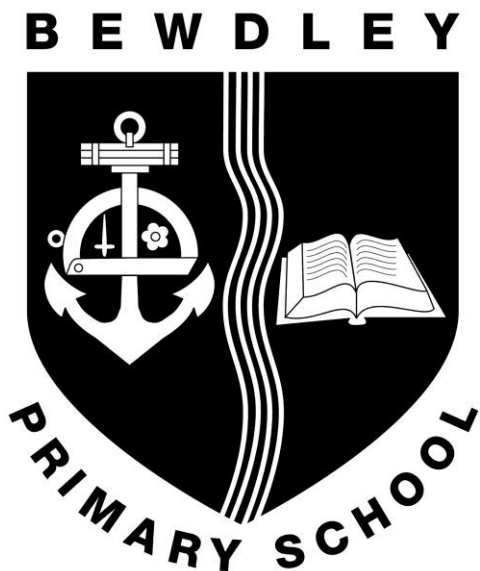




School Uniform Policy

1. Our approach

At Bewdley Primary School, we believe that school uniform supports high expectations, promotes a sense of belonging and identity, and helps to create a smart and consistent appearance across the school. Our uniform has been designed to be practical, inclusive and affordable.

We give high priority to cost and value for money. School-branded items are available for families who wish to purchase them; however all branded items are optional and equivalent plain items in the school colours may be purchased from any retailer.

2. Everyday school uniform

The following items form our everyday school uniform:

- Grey trousers, grey shorts, grey skirt or grey pinafore dress.
- Red and white gingham dress
- White shirt or white polo shirt.
- Plain red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- Black school shoes, sensible black sandals in warmer weather, or plain all-black trainers.

Red hoodies are not part of the everyday school uniform. They are an optional item for PE and Forest School days only.

3. PE uniform

On PE days, children should wear practical clothing suitable for physical activity:

- Black shorts/skorts
- White T-shirt.
- Trainers.
- Plain black joggers or leggings when a warmer layer is needed.
- A plain red sweatshirt or hoodie may be worn as an optional warm layer.

Children do not need to purchase a hoodie for PE. They may wear their usual red school sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan instead.

Hoodies remain an optional part of our PE uniform because they provide a practical, warm layer for children taking part in outdoor physical activity, particularly during colder weather.

4. Forest School

- Long-sleeved plain red or black T-shirt.
- Plain black joggers or leggings.
- A plain red sweatshirt or hoodie may be worn as a warm layer.
- An appropriate coat and wellington boots when required. Younger children should keep wellington boots in school.
- Waterproof trousers and tops are provided by school.

As with PE, a hoodie is optional and children may wear their usual school sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan instead.

5. Swimming

For children taking part in school swimming:

- A suitable one-piece swimming costume, or
- Swimming trunks or shorts no longer than knee length.

Further information about swimming arrangements will be provided to families when their child is due to take part.

6. Nursery

Nursery children are not required to wear school uniform. Optional blue school-branded T-shirts, jumpers and cardigans are available for families who wish to purchase them.

Otherwise, Nursery children should wear practical, comfortable clothing suitable for a full range of indoor and outdoor activities. Children should keep a pair of wellington boots in school. As Nursery activities can be messy, families are encouraged to send children in clothing that is suitable for this.

7. Jewellery, make-up and nails

For safety reasons, jewellery should not normally be worn in school or Nursery. Children with pierced ears may wear small stud earrings.

Jewellery must be removed for PE where required for safety. Parents should ensure that children are able to remove their own earrings when necessary or remove them before coming to school. Where there is a

temporary difficulty, for example following a recent piercing, parents should contact the school so that appropriate arrangements can be discussed.

Make-up, nail varnish, false eyelashes, nail extensions and acrylic nails are not permitted.

8. Coats and outdoor clothing

Children should bring a coat appropriate for the weather. We do not require coats, hats, bags or other outdoor accessories to carry the school logo. As part of being an OPAL school, we ask that all children have a pair of wellies in school every day.

9. Affordability and branded items

We want school uniform to be affordable for all families. No school-branded items are compulsory at Bewdley Primary School. Equivalent plain items that meet the colours and descriptions in this policy may be purchased from a retailer of the family's choice.

School-branded items are available from our uniform supplier, Earth Uniform, for families who choose to purchase them.

Families experiencing difficulty with the cost of uniform are encouraged to contact the school office. Support will be considered sensitively and discreetly. Pupils entitled to Targeted Free School Meals, you may be able to access an annual allowance to support uniform costs.

10. Pre-loved uniform

We recognise that pre-loved uniform can help to reduce costs for families as well as supporting sustainability. We are currently developing arrangements to make good-quality second-hand uniform more easily available to current and prospective families.

Further information about how families can donate or obtain pre-loved uniform will be published on the school website. In the meantime, families who require support with school uniform are encouraged to contact the school office, and we will seek to help sensitively and discreetly.

11. Inclusion and reasonable adjustments

Our uniform expectations are intended to be inclusive. We will consider reasonable adjustments or individual exceptions where appropriate, including in relation to disability or SEND, medical needs, religion or belief, or other individual circumstances.

Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school where an adjustment may be required so that arrangements can be discussed sensitively.

12. Where uniform expectations are not met

We expect pupils to follow the school's uniform requirements. Where a child is not wearing the correct uniform, staff will respond in a proportionate and supportive way, taking account of the child's circumstances.

Where appropriate, school may offer clean spare uniform or contact parents and carers to clarify expectations. Repeated concerns may be discussed with families. Financial difficulty should never be a barrier to attendance and families are encouraged to contact school if support is needed.

13. Labelling uniform

All uniform and personal items should be clearly named. This greatly increases the likelihood that lost items can be returned to their owner.

14. Purchasing uniform

- School-branded items: available online from Earth Uniform.
- Non-branded items: may be purchased from any retailer, provided they meet the colours and descriptions set out in this policy.
- Pre-loved uniform: arrangements are being developed and will be published on the school website.

15. Review

This policy will be kept under review to ensure that the school's uniform remains practical, inclusive and affordable and continues to meet current statutory requirements and Department for Education guidance.

Next review: September 2027