



Expectations Regarding Uniform

The school uniform **MUST** be consistent throughout the whole year and in all classes. We will contact you via individual text should you need to be made aware of any inconsistencies in your child's uniform. It is always best and polite to send in a note to explain the need for your child to wear anything 'alternative' with an accompanying timescale for when you intend to resolve this. We would normally expect items that need replacing or changing should occur within one week.

Uniform Requirements:

- Mid-grey skirt, grey or black trousers
- A royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with the Birkdale Primary Logo
- Yellow or blue summer dresses.
- All-black shoes
- No boots or sandals
- Children in Key Stage 2 may change into trainers *swiftly* at breaktimes but only if you insist at home
- No jewellery- ear studs only. Non-SMART watches are allowed
- No make-up. No nail varnish. Non-allergenic materials will be provided for children to remove this themselves if this happens 'by accident'
- Hair must be tied back- headlice are not welcome here and we intend to keep it that way!
- No extreme hairstyles including shaved designs. By allowing such hairstyles it is unfair to some children whose parents say no - let's have a level playing field for all children - we're not being strict but the word uniform basically means 'all the same.' Any extreme haircuts will result in a polite request to 'shave' out.

P.E Kit:

Generally, if children are fit enough to come to school they should be able to do P.E - it is a legal requirement.

Children should come to school dressed in their PE uniform on their class PE day.

- INDOOR PE uniform - royal blue shorts, a round neck white t-shirt and black pumps. No trainers are allowed to be worn inside.
- OUTDOOR PE uniform - royal blue hoodie with the Birkdale Primary logo, royal blue joggers, a white round neck t-shirt and trainers.
- Black pumps should remain in school at all times and be named with a permanent marker
- The swimming pool insists that trunks are worn for boys and a single piece costume for girls. Children must have a swimming cap.

Nursery:

The Nursery staff would be very grateful if the children in their class could wear clothing which can be put on and taken off by the children themselves - e.g. elastic waisted trousers, tops without buttons, slip-on pumps etc. There is no school uniform for nursery children (although school sweatshirts are available in small sizes) but they should wear suitable clothing which a parent is prepared to put in a washing machine at the end of the day if necessary.

Reading Bags

Birkdale Book Bags should be in use for all children up to the end of Year 4. Hello Kitty bags are nice...but not part of our uniform. A Year 5/6 privilege is to have a small backpack that will fit easily into lockers.

Reading bags (available from the office) should be brought into school everyday by all children. The home reading diaries should also be returned daily with a comment from home where possible.

Where to buy...

Local uniform supply stores, **Zips and Snips** and **Whitaker's** stock our uniform in the town (Southport). The school office does not stock uniform.

Outdoor Play

The children are likely to participate in outdoor play everyday. Please you make sure that on colder / wetter days that your child has suitable clothing eg. hat, scarf, gloves and a warm coat.

And finally...

We hope you will appreciate the importance of having ALL items of clothing clearly marked with your child's name. It makes items easier to locate if they go missing during the year. Lost property is now located in the Main Entrance area.

Thank you for reading - Mr Sheeran - Headteacher