



**Bury Church of England High School**

# **School Uniform**

## Compulsory Items

Item	Boys	Girls
Blazer	French Navy with School Badge on breast pocket. (Blazer may be removed in summer)	
Tie	Regulation school tie worn appropriately	
Trousers / Skirt	Charcoal grey or black trousers, full length, standard fitting (no tight fitting or flared styles).	French Navy school skirt with knee length, plain front with double invert pleat (regulation shade and style) NO SPLITS OR VENTS OR Charcoal grey or black trousers, full length, standard fitting (no tight fitting or flared styles).
Shirt / Blouse (worn with collar buttoned closed and tucked into trousers or skirt).	Long or short sleeved school pale blue shirt.	Long or short sleeved school pale blue blouse.
Socks / Tights	Navy blue, dark grey or black, knee or ankle length socks (no trainer socks).	Navy blue, dark grey or black, knee or ankle length socks (no trainer socks). OR Navy blue or black tights 70 denier or more.
Shoes	Plain black traditional leather appearance shoes (with black laces if required) with no colour trim and heel height no higher than 2cms (no boots, trainers, canvas or other styles of footwear. Footwear must appear to be shoe like rather than trainer like. Shoes made by sportswear manufacturers are deemed to be trainers. Shoes that cover the ankle are deemed to be a boot. A shoe marketed as a school shoe may not be acceptable at Bury CE High School). An illustration of the sort of acceptable footwear is found at the back of this booklet.	
Aprons	One blue nylon, one white cotton.	

Items in ***bold italics*** are outdoor wear and should not be worn in the buildings without the permission of the Head of Year or a member of the Senior Staff.

Boots are defined as having material extending partially or fully over the ankle bone.

## Optional Items

Item	Boys	Girls
Jumper	French navy blue, long sleeved V-neck school jumper. Note: A jumper should never be worn without a blazer.	
Kippah (Jewish pupils) [upon written request from parents]	French navy blue or black	
Head scarf (Muslim pupils) [upon written request from parents]		French navy blue or black head scarf
Patka/Kara bracelets (Sikh pupils) [upon written request from parents]	French navy blue or black Patka	Kara bracelet(s)
<b>Coat</b>	A sensible good length winter coat. There should be no images or lettering on the coat except the maker's logo (no larger than that which can be covered by a credit card) and it should be in sympathy with the school's Christian ethos.	
<b>Hoodies</b>	School hoodies as a fleece over the blazer when outside or as directed by the Head.	
<b>Hats/scarves/ gloves/etc.</b>	There should be no images or lettering on the item except the maker's logo (no larger than that which can be covered by a credit card) and it should be in sympathy with the school's Christian ethos. Items that indicate allegiance to particular sports' teams, societies, or other groups are not allowed.	
Summer Uniform Shirt / Blouse	Pale blue short sleeved shirt with school cross worn without tie.	Pale blue reever collar short sleeved blouse with school cross

## **PE Kit - Compulsory Items**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
Football Shirt	Falcon football shirt Navy/Sky blue with circular school badge (available from stockists)
Shirt	Pale blue polo shirt with circular school badge
Football Shorts	Plain black
Football Boots	For all field sports - X- country, football & rugby
Shin Pads	For football & hockey
Gum Shield	For rugby & hockey
Trainers	Non marking sole
Football Socks	Plain light blue

## **PE Kit – Optional Items**

<b>Item</b>	
Tracksuit Bottoms	Navy with school badge (only available from stockists)
Fleece	Navy with school badge (only available from stockists)
Base Layer	Falcon Black (only available from stockists)
Sports leggings	Black (These must be sports leggings)

The purpose of Uniform at Bury CE High School is to create a purposeful learning environment and to ensure that pupils feel safe and happy in school. Uniform engenders a sense of community, it inspires a sense of place in history and it presents an image in school, and to the wider community, that communicates high standards. A uniform also reflects the Christian ethos of the school, it provides us with a means of identification of pupils and assists us with safeguarding. Finally it helps us to prevent the victimisation of individuals because of their school wear.

Whilst not wishing to prevent pupils from expressing their individuality, the wearing of the school uniform is intended to benefit the school community as a whole and to support the primary purpose of the school, that of creating an effective learning environment in which pupils are enabled to embrace God's calling on their lives and to become equipped to pursue that calling. To fulfil this, we regard being able to see the face of a pupil as essential in the learning process; therefore items of clothing that obscure the face or parts of the face are not allowed in school. Similarly, the sense of touch is important in certain subjects and so the wearing of gloves or other hand coverings within the building is not allowed except for health reasons where the risk to the pupil and to others is greater than the benefit gained by being able to use the sense of touch in learning.

As a school we believe that pupils should be allowed to be children and not put under pressure to embrace adulthood too rapidly. As a result, we do not allow pupils to have body art, whether temporary or permanent, wear make-up or false eye lashes, false nails, extensions and fake tan of any type. We do not allow the wearing of any sort of jewellery, piercings, or promotional items such as charity wrist bands or friendship bracelets for this reason as well as on the grounds of health and safety, security from theft and being in sympathy with the Christian ethos of the school. No studs, earrings or piercings can be worn in school and this applies even if the hole for the piercing has recently been made. The covering of piercings by plasters will not be allowed. Parents or guardians should ensure that piercings are carried out when there is sufficient time for the hole to heal, and the piercing to be removed, prior to returning to school. We advise that this should take place at the start of the summer holiday. We do permit the wearing of a wrist watch as this can be helpful in judging

timings during study activities or examinations when mobile phones are not available for obtaining the time. Pupils can wear plain black, charcoal grey, French navy blue, light blue, white or yellow hair accessories such as a plain hair band or hair grips. Hair accessories that are more decorative, or that have text or images on them should not be worn.

Where a judgement needs to be made regarding whether an item is in sympathy with the Christian ethos of the school, or any other judgement, this will be done by the Head, in consultation with pastoral staff. Until a determination has been reached, the item should not be worn to school.

Some types of clothes, body art and hair styles can create an atmosphere which is not supportive of learning or the personal well-being of pupils. To prevent such atmospheres being created, we do not allow hair colours that are not natural colours, body art or hair styles that are, in the judgement of the Head, extreme unless there is a medical necessity for this (e.g. very short hair or shaved head, hair art, asymmetric hair-cuts, hair styles with a message/affiliation, multiple natural coloured dyes, or hair extensions, unkempt beards and moustaches, tinted eye brows and lashes). We do not allow hoodies, unless they are school hoodies, and we do not allow leather/leather effect jackets/coats of any type. Coats, head gear and scarves must comply with the 'optional items' description given above.

Outdoor wear should not be worn within the school buildings. Coats, hats, scarves etc. should be removed when entering the school buildings.

Permission to remove Blazers may be granted by the Head occasionally if the weather merits this.

The Head will determine when summer uniform comes into effect based on the weather conditions and this will usually be after the Easter holiday. Unless otherwise specified, winter uniform will be required from the start of the Christmas term. Items specified as 'summer only' are deemed summer uniform options. If desired, winter uniform may be worn throughout the year.

Pupils should not wear any garments under their uniform that can be seen through their uniform. For example, T-shirts that have bold writing or designs that can be seen through the school shirt or crew necked vests that show above the collar of a shirt or blouse.

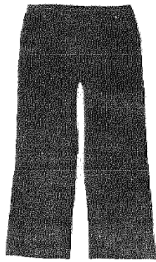
Pupils may only wear badges or other items that have been authorised by the school. Authorisation can be obtained from the relevant Head of Year or Senior Staff. This is intended to ensure that pupils are safe, treated equitably and present an image that is consistent with the Christian ethos of the school. A Christian badge such as a 'fish', 'cross' or similar will normally be permitted.

Our desire is to provide the best possible learning environment for our pupils and our decisions will be made with that intention in mind. We would ask parents/guardians to contact us if they are in any doubt about any item of uniform or issue of presentation for their child so that they can clarify what is acceptable before agreeing to permanent or semi-permanent changes in appearance or sending the child to school wearing those items of which they are unsure. We would also ask parents/guardians to contact school if there are any temporary reasons such as cultural or medical expectations that may lead to a pupil feeling they need to contravene the uniform regulations so that the school can consider whether a temporary change should be made for that pupil. Any exemptions will be made on the basis of the merits of the request weighed against the detrimental effect on the learning environment.

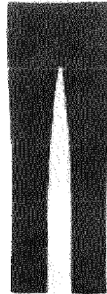
In formulating these regulations, the school is aware that there may be fashion developments in the future of which we are currently unaware, that may run counter to the principles set out at the start of these regulations. The school reserves the right, on the judgement of the Head in consultation with relevant staff, to refuse any style or item which may not be covered specifically by these regulations but runs counter, in their view, to the principles that are the basis for these regulations.

# An illustration of acceptable trousers

Example of Girl's plain black formal school trousers



Example of Boy's plain black formal school trousers



# An illustration of acceptable footwear

Examples of **UNACCEPTABLE** shoes



**X**

NO CONVERSE

**X**

NO PUMPS OR  
TRAINER STYLE

**X**

NO ANKLE  
BOOTS

**X**

NO DESIGNER  
BRANDS

**X**

NO BOOTS

## Additional Guidance

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Examples of **ACCEPTABLE** shoes

