

The Bliss Charity School: *Uniform*

All children are expected to wear school uniform when attending The Bliss Charity School or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal curriculum hours (unless directed otherwise by school staff). The uniform promotes a shared identity for our school. It aims to engender a sense of community and belonging for all of our pupils and it encourages them to be proud of attending and representing The Bliss Charity School.

Wearing school uniform ...

- Is consistent with the high expectations of secondary education and future employment;
- Contributes to the establishment and maintenance of a purposeful learning environment;
- Signals that it is 'time to learn' and to behave according to the school rules;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the children with the school;
- Reduces peer-pressure/teasing over conforming to the latest trends and fashions whilst at school;
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Prevents conflicts for parents/carers regarding what to wear for school;
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and is considered as good value for money by parents and carers;
- Is designed with health and safety considerations in mind;
- Enhances the reputation of the school and creates a good impression.

Uniform - Classroom

Top:

- Royal blue, crew-neck jumper with the school logo.
or
- Royal blue fleece with the school logo.
or
- Royal blue cardigan with the school logo.

Shirt:

- School logoed polo shirt: white or royal blue (preferred item).
or
- White shirt or white polo shirt (permitted item).

Bottom:

- Black or grey trousers.
or
- Black or grey knee-length skirt.
or
- Black or grey pinafore dress.
or
- Black or grey smart shorts.
or
- In the summer, blue and white checked summer dress.



Hair:

- Long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back with simple accessories.
- No extreme haircuts.*

Other:

- Book bag with the school logo (preferred item).
- Ruck-sack or draw-string bag for other items (e.g. PE kit).
- Warm, waterproof coat for cold/wet weather.
- Cap, or summer hat, for sunnier weather (outdoor use only).

Footwear:

- Clean, flat, black shoes with no visible branding.
- Black or grey tights. Black, grey or white socks.
- Trainers to change into at break/lunchtime (optional).

* 'Extreme' haircuts are those considered by the school to be significantly different so as to cause distraction to others; and not in keeping with the school's smart ethos. These may include: tram-lines, or designs cut/shaved into the hair; or brightly-coloured dyed hair (this is not an exhaustive list).

Uniform – Physical Education (PE)

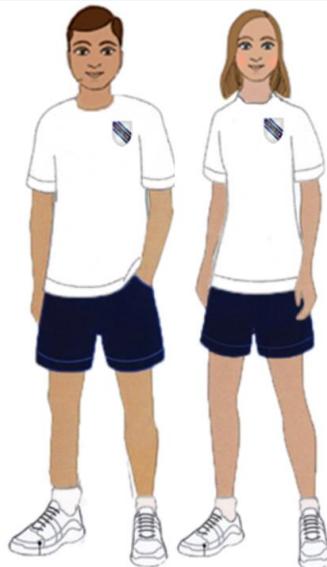
Top:

- White, logoed PE t-shirt (preferred item).
or
- Plain white t-shirt (permitted item).

Blue, logoed t-shirts will be discontinued from now on. In the future, there will be the option of purchasing 'house' coloured t-shirts for PE (date TBC).

Other:

- *Outdoor PE:* A plain, blue or black sweatshirt or tracksuit top and jogging bottoms can be worn for outdoor PE in cold weather. Logoed tracksuits are available from the school's uniform supplier (optional). A cap and sun protection lotion for sunnier weather.



Hair:

- Long hair (shoulder length) must be tied back with simple accessories.

Jewellery:

- No jewellery – including earrings – should be worn for PE. Pupils should be able to remove their earrings for this lesson or not wear earrings on PE days.*

Bottom:

- Plain, blue or black shorts.
- Black, blue or white socks.

Footwear:

- Clean, trainers or plimsolls. Football boots can be worn on the grass.

* Where an item of jewellery cannot be removed then it is the teacher's responsibility to try to establish a safe situation to enable participation. Where safe participation cannot be assured, the pupil cannot take part in that element of the lesson.

Non-Permitted clothing and accessories

The following items are not permitted as part of the school uniform:

- Hoodies.
- Jeans.
- Leggings.
- Tracksuits, sweatshirts and jogging bottoms – except for PE lessons (see section 4, above).
- Trainers – except for PE lessons and, possibly, for break/lunch times. Pupils should arrive/depart in shoes. Black trainers are not permitted as part of the classroom uniform.
- Team-wear (e.g. a football strip or a rugby shirt) is not acceptable for PE lessons. However, pupils may choose team-wear for extra-curricular sports clubs.
- No flip-flops.
- Jewellery (except watches and stud earrings) – this does not include jewellery worn for established religious/cultural reasons.
- Make-up – including nail varnish.
- Elaborate hair accessories
- Fake tattoos/transfers.

