



Brentwood School



# Prep Uniform & Appearance Regulations

# Why do we have a school uniform?

At Brentwood we believe there are a number of reasons why having a school uniform is important. Our values – Virtue, Learning and Manners – were written into the Statutes of Brentwood School in 1622 and we use them to inform the decisions we make and the way we interact with each other: having a uniform approach to dress and appearance illustrated Virtue inasmuch as it represents fairness and equality; Learning, in that it removes an unnecessary potential distraction relating to choice of clothes (and the pressure that can come in trying to conform to the latest trends) and allows pupils to focus on their academic and personal development in school; and Manners, insofar as it helps encourage mutual respect by bringing members of our community together. Having a uniform helps create a sense of belonging and reflects the pride felt by many in being part of an inclusive, caring and open community.



# How do we implement our uniform and appearance regulations?

All pupils are expected to be smart and wear their uniform with pride. Pupils take responsibility for following the uniform and appearance code as they respect the fairness and equality this represents in our community. They understand that regulation school uniform must be worn at all times on the School premises or when representing the School. All pupils should recognise the importance of adhering to the uniform and appearance regulations for practical reasons and to meet Health and Safety requirements in a school setting. This includes, for example, long hair being tied back.

In addition to pupils taking responsibility for their appearance and uniform, all staff, with the support of the relevant Head of Year, will monitor uniform, ask pupils to put right any breaches of the uniform and appearance regulations and will follow up incidents where pupils are repeatedly breaking these rules, contacting home if required. Staff and parents will then work together in order that the necessary changes are made. Sanctions will be applied for continued breach of the rules.

Most of the rules relating to student dress and appearance are objective. However, in a small number of areas we recognise that there is a degree of subjectivity and, as is the case in all schools, staff will make these judgements in consultation with the relevant Head of Year, Deputy Head (Pastoral) then Head of Prep as necessary. Prep School Uniform and Appearance Regulations are linked to the Parent Contract, but may be amended from time to time.

The School reserves the right to apply sanctions if pupils do not adhere to the School's uniform and appearance rules. These will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the relevant Head of Year or member of the Senior Leadership Team in cases of serious breaches.

## Requests for variation in the School uniform

All pupils are required to wear uniform. The Head of Prep will consider written requests from parents and pupils for variations in the uniform for reasons related to any protected characteristic, including disability, sex, religion or belief, or because of temporary injury provided they are consistent with the School's policy on health and safety. The Head of Prep will consider such requests on a case-by-case basis, and may arrange to meet with the parents to discuss the implications of such a request.

It is essential that all clothes worn at school by pupils should be clearly marked with name and initials. This also includes bags and any games equipment. The School Shop offers an embroidery service for PE kit and school bags. This ensures greater security for these items as the text is permanent and visible on the outside of garments and bags.

Uniform is subject to change after a review, and any changes will be phased in over time.

## Hair

Hair must be clean, smart and natural in colour. Any hair extensions or braiding should also be natural in colour and without beads. Long hair must be tied back and out of the eyes. Hair gel or similar products must not be used. Only uniform hair accessories should be worn and these are available from the School Shop. The Head of Prep will have the final say as to whether a pupil's hairstyle is acceptable.

## Jewellery and watches

Expensive items must not be worn as the School cannot accept responsibility for their loss.

For pupils in EYFS and KS1, jewellery (including earrings) must not be worn for Health and Safety reasons.

Jewellery must not be worn by children in KS2 but, if your child has pierced ears then a single plain gold stud in each ear-lobe is allowed. Earrings must be removed for PE and Games sessions, or for any other activity where this may be required for Health and Safety reasons.

A simple watch may be worn to tell the time and pupils are also able to wear age appropriate fitness trackers.

Smartwatches must not be worn and any device with the capacity to send messages, make calls, capture images or connect to the internet is not permitted.

## Make-up and nail varnish

Make-up must not be worn. Pupils are not permitted to wear nail varnish, gel or acrylic nails or wear false nails.

## Compliance with the School Rules

We attach importance to courtesy, integrity and good discipline in accordance with our core values of Virtue, Learning and Manners. Your child is expected to take a full part in the activities of the School, to be punctual, to work hard and to behave well. It is a condition of remaining at the School that your child comply with the School Rules and that you give us your full support in administering the School Rules. In addition, you must ensure that your child attends School punctually and that your child conforms to any rules of appearance, dress and behaviour as we may issue from time to time (if not already included within the School Rules).





# Foundation Uniform

## Girls and Boys

All Year (Tracksuits and polo shirts are permitted all year)

- Maroon sweatshirt (badged)
- Maroon jogging bottoms
- White polo shirt (maroon badged)
- Flat and supportive black school shoes with Velcro fastening (no laces). Shoes should have a fastening across the top of the foot (not slip on shoes).
- Navy school coat
- Navy Raincoat (badged)
- All in one Forest School suit (badged)
- Maroon Lunch Apron – with Name embroidered
- Legionnaires hat (badged)
- Woollen hat (badged)
- Scarf
- Gloves
- Name tapes

Only uniform hair accessories should be worn and these are available from the School Shop

## Girls

- Summer dress (optional)
- Maroon Cardigan (badged, optional)
- White socks long/short and white tights

## Boys

- White polo shirt (maroon badged)
- Grey shorts (optional)
- Maroon pullover/slipover (badged, optional)
- Grey socks

# Reception, Years 1 & 2 Uniform

## Girls

### First Half Michaelmas Term/Trinity Term

- Summer dress or grey trousers and short sleeve striped blouse
- Maroon cardigan (badged)
- Summer boater
- Legionnaires hat (badged)
- White socks long/short and white tights

### Second Half Michaelmas Through Lent Term

- Grey pinafore (badged) or grey trousers and long sleeved striped blouse
- Maroon cravat (Reception)
- House cravat (Years 1 & 2)
- Winter hat
- Grey tights
- School Woollen hat/scarf/gloves

### All Year

- Maroon blazer (badged)
- Navy raincoat (badged)
- Navy school coat
- All in one Forest School Suit (badged)
- Maroon Lunch Apron – with Name embroidered (Reception)
- Smart and supportive black polishable leather or patent shoes with straps (not open toe or ballerina/loafer style)
- Bookbag (badged)
- Blue Art overall
- Name tapes

### PE & Games (All Year)

#### [See PE & Games Kit guide linked here](#)

- House Polo Shirt (Years 1 & 2)
- White games t-shirt (navy badge)
- Maroon sweatshirt (badged)
- Maroon jogging bottoms
- Navy games shorts
- Navy swimsuit
- Goggles
- White swim hat (Reception)
- House colour swim hat (Years 1 & 2)
- Plain trainers with velcro (not fashion trainers)
- Games bag/swim bag (badged)

## Boys

### First Half Michaelmas Term/Trinity Term

- White polo shirt (maroon badged, Reception & Year 1)
- White short sleeve shirt with House Colour tie (Year 2)
- Maroon jumper/slipover (badged)
- Grey shorts (trousers optional)
- Maroon School cap (badged)
- Grey long socks with maroon top
- Legionnaires hat (badged)
- All in one Forest School Suit (badged)
- Maroon Lunch Apron – with name embroidered (Reception)

### Second Half Michaelmas Through Lent Term

- Grey school trousers
- White polo shirt (maroon badged, Reception & Year 1)
- Maroon jumper/slipover (badged)
- Grey short socks
- White long sleeve shirt with House Colour tie (Year 2)
- School Woollen hat/scarf/gloves

### All Year

- Maroon blazer (badged)
- Navy raincoat (badged)
- Navy school coat
- All in one Forest School Suit (badged)
- Maroon Lunch Apron – with Name embroidered (Reception)
- Smart and supportive black leather shoes
- Bookbag (badged)
- Blue Art overall
- Name tapes

### PE & Games (All Year)

#### [See PE & Games Kit guide linked here](#)

- House Polo Shirt (Years 1 & 2)
- White games t-shirt (navy badge)
- Maroon sweatshirt (badged)
- Maroon jogging bottoms
- Navy games shorts
- Navy swimming aqua shorts
- Goggles
- White swim hat (Reception)
- House colour swim hat (Years 1 & 2)
- Plain trainers with velcro (not fashion trainers)
- Games bag/swim bag (badged)

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## Girls

### First Half Michaelmas Term/Trinity Term

- Summer dress or grey trousers/shorts with maroon/white stripe short-sleeved blouse
- Maroon cardigan (badged)
- White ankle socks/long socks or white tights
- Summer boater
- Baseball cap (badged)

### Second Half Michaelmas Through Lent Term

- Grey badged pinafore or grey trousers (Years 3 & 4)
- A line skirt or grey trousers (Years 5 & 6)
- Maroon/white striped blouse long sleeve
- Grey tights/grey long socks (Years 3 & 4)
- Black tights (Years 5 & 6)
- House cravat (Years 3 & 4)
- House tie (Years 5 & 6)
- Winter hat
- School woollen hat/scarf/gloves (optional)

### All Year

- Maroon blazer (badged)
- Navy raincoat (badged)
- Navy school coat
- Rucksack (badged)
- Smart and supportive black polishable leather or patent shoes with straps (not open toe or ballerina/loafer style)
- Name Tapes

### PE & Games (All Year)

[See PE & Games Kit guide linked here](#)

- House polo shirt
- Navy tracksuit (badged)
- White PE Polo (badged)
- Navy skort (badged)
- Royal games shorts (badged)
- Royal/navy games socks
- White sports socks
- Navy swimsuit
- House colour swimming hat
- Goggles
- Training shoes (suitably supportive, not fashion trainers)
- Astro Shoes
- Football Boots
- Shinpads
- Mouthguard
- Swim bag (badged)
- Sports bag (badged)

## Boys

### First Half Michaelmas Term/Trinity Term

- Grey School shorts (Years 3 & 4, trousers optional)
- Grey School trousers (Years 5 & 6, shorts optional)
- White shirt with short sleeves & House tie
- Maroon pullover/slipover (badged)
- Grey long socks with maroon top (to be worn with shorts)
- Short black or grey socks (to be worn with trousers)
- Baseball cap (badged)

### Second Half Michaelmas Through Lent Term

- White shirt with long sleeves & House tie
- Maroon pullover/slipover (badged)
- Grey School trousers
- School woollen hat/scarf/gloves (optional)

### All Year

- Dark grey badged blazer
- Maroon School cap
- Navy raincoat (badged)
- Navy school coat
- Rucksack (badged)
- Smart and supportive black leather shoes
- Name Tapes

### PE & Games (All Year)

[See PE & Games Kit guide linked here](#)

- House polo shirt
- Navy tracksuit (badged)
- White PE t-shirt (badged)
- Rugby shirt (badged)
- Navy rugby shorts (badged)
- Royal games shorts (badged)
- Royal/navy games socks
- White sports socks
- Navy swimming aqua shorts
- House colour swimming hat
- Goggles
- Training shoes (suitably supportive, not fashion trainers)
- Astro shoes
- Football boots
- Shinpads
- Mouthguard
- Sports bag (badged)
- Swim bag (badged)



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