



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.

Prep Uniform Changes

We are always reviewing our uniform in the Prep School, gathering feedback from pupils, parents and staff. Based on recent feedback, we will be making some adaptations to our uniform. The School Shop team have worked hard securing alternative samples and challenging our suppliers to deliver items that meet the needs of the children whilst keeping an eye on costs.


Maintaining continuity with our traditions is central to how our uniform looks, alongside ensuring it is practical and robust for the movement and activities the children undertake as their bodies experience growth and development.

The new items have started to become available, and the staff in the School Shop will update parents as more arrive.

All new uniform items will become available to purchase during the academic year of 2026–2027, and from September 2027, all pupils will be fully in the new uniform.

For further information, please speak to the School Shop, which will be happy to assist.





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 be consulted if there is doubt as to whether or not a hairstyle is acceptable for school.

Jewellery and watches

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.

A simple watch may be worn to tell the time.

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 earlobe 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.

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

Please note, this is our current uniform up until July 2027.

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

- Maroon sweatshirt (badged)
- Maroon jogging bottoms
- White polo shirt (maroon badge)
- Navy rain jacket (badged)
- All-in-one Forest School suit (badged)
- Maroon lunch apron - with name embroidered
- Legionnaires hat (badged)
- School hair accessories
- Flat and supportive black school shoes with velcro fastening (no laces)
- White short socks (girls) Grey short socks (boys)
- Wellies (Forest School)
- Navy school coat (winter)
- Woollen hat (badged, winter)
- Scarf and gloves (winter)

Shoes should have a fastening across the top of the foot (not slip on shoes)

Optional Uniform For warmer days only

Girls

- White polo shirt (maroon badge)
- Grey culotte (badged)
- Maroon cardigan, pullover or slipover (badged)
- Grey long or short socks

Boys

- White polo shirt (maroon badge)
- Grey pull-up shorts
- Maroon pullover, slipover or cardigan (badged)
- Grey socks

Please note, this uniform is being introduced from April 2026 & is mandatory by September 2027.

Girls

The additional choice of, from April 2026 – introduction of our new light grey culottes to be worn with the white polo shirt with maroon crest and maroon jumper/v-neck/cardigan. Girls will be able to either wear short grey socks or the longer grey sock.

Boys

The additional choice of, continuing to wear light grey shorts, with the white polo shirt with maroon crest and maroon jumper/v-neck/cardigan. Boys can either wear short grey socks or the longer grey sock with a maroon trim.

Reception, Years 1 & 2 Uniform

Please note, this is our current uniform up until July 2027.

Girls

First Half Michaelmas Term/Trinity Term

- Summer dress or grey badged culotte / grey regulation trousers with striped open neck short-sleeve blouse
- Maroon cardigan, pullover or slipover (badged)
- White socks long/short or white tights (w/ dress)
- Grey socks long/short or grey tights (w/culotte)
- Legionnaires hat (badged)

Second Half Michaelmas Through Lent Term

- Grey badged culotte or trousers with striped open neck short-sleeve blouse
- Maroon cardigan, pullover or slipover (badged)
- Navy school coat
- School woollen hat/scarf/gloves

All Year

- Maroon blazer (badged)
- Maroon felt hat
- Navy rain jacket (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 and Forest School (All Year)

- House polo shirt (Years 1 & 2)
- White polo shirt (navy badge)
- Navy games shorts
- Maroon sweatshirt (badged)
- Maroon jogging bottoms
- All-in-one Forest School suit (badged)
- Navy swimsuit
- House colour swim hat
- Swimming goggles
- Plain trainers with velcro (not fashion trainers)
- Games bag and swim bag (badged)

Boys

First Half Michaelmas Term/Trinity Term

- Grey pull-up shorts or trousers with striped button-to-neck short-sleeve shirt
- Maroon pullover, slipover or cardigan (badged)
- Grey long socks with maroon top (w/shorts)
- Grey short socks (w/trousers)
- Legionnaires hat (badged)

Second Half Michaelmas Through Lent Term

- Grey regulation trousers with striped button-to-neck long or short-sleeve shirt
- Maroon pullover, slipover or cardigan (badged)
- Navy school coat
- School woollen hat/scarf/gloves

All Year

- Maroon blazer (badged)
- Maroon school cap (badged)
- Navy rain jacket (badged)
- Maroon lunch apron - with name embroidered (Reception)
- Smart and supportive black leather shoes
- Bookbag (badged)
- Blue art overall
- Name tapes

PE, Games and Forest School (All Year)

- House polo shirt (Years 1 & 2)
- White polo shirt (navy badge)
- Navy games shorts
- Maroon sweatshirt (badged)
- Maroon jogging bottoms
- All in one Forest School suit (badged)
- Navy swimming aqua shorts
- House colour swim hat
- Swimming goggles
- Plain trainers with velcro (not fashion trainers)
- Games bag and swim bag (badged)

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& Games Kit
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Girls

- Introduction of our new light grey culottes to be worn with our existing open neck, short sleeved white shirt with maroon stripe and maroon jumper/v-neck/cardigan. Girls will be able to either wear short or long grey socks. Grey tights are permitted, but we strongly discourage this with younger pupils due to making toileting harder.
- Continuing the option of the dress (summer style with maroon stripe) with white socks or white tights.
- Maroon bowler hat all year round.
- Maroon blazer.

Boys

- One shade of light grey shorts/trousers throughout to be worn with our new button-to-collar stripe short sleeved shirt (top button can be left open) and maroon jumper/v-neck/cardigan.
- Long grey socks with maroon trim.
- Maroon cap all year round.
- Maroon blazer.

Girls

First Half Michaelmas Term/Trinity Term

- Summer dress or grey badged culotte / regulation grey trousers with striped maroon button-to-neck short-sleeved blouse (to be worn with house tie)
- Maroon cardigan, pullover or slipover (badged)
- White socks long/short or white tights (w/ dress)
- Grey socks long/short or grey tights (w/culotte)
- Baseball cap (badged)

Second Half Michaelmas Through Lent Term

- Grey badged culotte or grey regulation trousers with striped maroon button-to-neck long-sleeved blouse (to be worn with house tie)
- A-line regulation skirt (optional for years 5 & 6)
- Maroon cardigan, pullover or slipover (badged)
- Grey tights/grey long socks (w/culotte)
- Black tights (w/skirt)
- Navy school coat
- School woollen hat/scarf/gloves (optional)

All Year

- Maroon blazer (badged)
- Maroon felt hat
- House tie
- Navy rain jacket (badged)
- Rucksack (badged)
- Smart and supportive black polishable leather or patent shoes with straps (not open toe or ballerina/loafer style)
- Name tapes

PE, Games and Forest School (All Year)

- House polo shirt
- Navy tracksuit (badged)
- White PE polo T-shirt (badged)
- Royal games shorts (badged)
- Navy skort (badged)
- Royal/navy games socks
- White sports socks
- Navy swimsuit
- House colour swimming hat
- Swimming goggles
- Training shoes (suitably supportive, not fashion trainers)
- Astro shoes
- Football boots
- Shin pads
- Mouthguard
- Swim bag (badged)
- Sports bag (badged)

Years 3 to 6 Uniform

Please note, this is our current uniform up to

Boys

First Half Michaelmas Term/Trinity Term

- Grey regulation shorts or trousers with striped button-to-neck short-sleeve shirt (to be worn with house tie)
- Maroon pullover, slipover or cardigan (badged)
- Grey long socks with maroon top (w/shorts)
- Short black or grey socks (w/trousers)
- Baseball cap (badged)

Second Half Michaelmas Through Lent Term

- Grey regulation trousers with striped button-to-neck long-sleeve shirt (to be worn with house tie)
- Maroon pullover, slipover or cardigan (badged)
- Navy school coat
- School woollen hat/scarf/gloves

All Year

- Maroon blazer (badged)
- Maroon School cap
- House tie
- Navy rain jacket (badged)
- Rucksack (badged)
- Smart and supportive black leather shoes
- Name tapes

PE, Games and Forest School (All Year)

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

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Girls

- Introduction of our new light grey culottes to be worn with the closed neck white shirt with maroon stripes (long or short sleeve), and school tie showing their House colour and maroon jumper/v-neck/cardigan. Girls will be able to either wear short or grey socks, or grey tights.
- In Years 5 and 6 the continued option of the A-Line skirt to be worn with the same combination as described for the culottes above.
- Continuing the option of the dress (summer style with maroon stripe) with white socks or white tights.
- Maroon bowler hat all year round.
- Maroon blazer.

Boys

- One shade of light grey shorts/trousers throughout to be worn with the closed neck white shirt with maroon stripes (long or short sleeve), and school tie showing their House colour and maroon jumper/v-neck/cardigan.
- Year 3-4 boys may wear short grey socks with trousers, or long grey socks with maroon trim with shorts.
- Year 5-6 boys may wear short black socks with both trousers and shorts.
- Maroon cap all year round.
- Maroon blazer.



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