



School Uniform & Jewellery Policy

NON STATUTORY POLICY
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The Governors, staff and pupils of Brockley Primary School believe that a school uniform for pupils is desirable and appropriate and helps promote a good working environment. Separate requirements for PE and practical subjects also make up the School's Uniform & Jewellery Policy. The uniform items fulfil the criteria of clothing that is suitable, comfortable, affordable, practical and purposeful for an effective learning and teaching setting in a safe and healthy environment.

Governors accept their responsibilities under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, Human Rights Act 1998 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and appreciate that the school uniform should not discriminate on grounds of race, religion, sex or culture.

Outdoor Play and Clothing Expectations (OPAL)

At Brockley, we are really proud of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision. It allows children to explore, take manageable risks, build confidence and develop important social skills through high-quality outdoor play. To make sure all children can enjoy these opportunities safely, it is really important that they come to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play every day.

What is an "Active Uniform"?

At Brockley, we have an active uniform, which supports our OPAL outdoor play approach and encourages children to be ready for learning and movement throughout the day.

An active uniform means that children come to school dressed in clothing that:

- Allows them to move freely and safely
- Is suitable for outdoor play, climbing and physical activity
- Can be worn all day, rather than changing for PE

What does this look like at Brockley?

Our active uniform keeps our school identity and colours, but adapts styles to be more practical:

- School-coloured tops (e.g. polo shirts, sweatshirts or hoodies with or without logo)
- Dark joggers, leggings or shorts (e.g. black, navy) instead of formal trousers or skirts
- Trainers suitable for running, climbing and outdoor play
- Weather-appropriate layers (e.g. school jumper, coat, waterproofs)

This approach means children:

- Can take part in active play straight away, without barriers
- Stay safe when climbing, exploring and playing outdoors
- Feel comfortable and confident throughout the day
- Spend more time learning and being active, and less time changing

It also better supports our OPAL provision, where children are encouraged to explore, take risks and develop independence in outdoor environments.

Our expectations

We will continue to:

- Keep a smart and consistent school identity through colours and simple guidelines
- Work with families to ensure expectations are clear, affordable and practical
- Support any families who may need help accessing suitable clothing

In simple terms...

An active uniform is about: keeping our school colours and pride, whilst making sure children are ready to learn, play and move all day

Why this matters

Our children regularly: Climb trees Explore long grass and natural areas. Build, balance and move in a variety of outdoor spaces These experiences are incredibly valuable, but they do mean children need the right clothing to stay safe and comfortable.

What we ask

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing:

- Closed-toe, secure footwear (no sandals, crocs or open-toe shoes) Clothes suitable for active play (e.g. trousers, leggings or shorts that allow movement)
- Clothing that covers legs where possible, especially for playing in grassy or wooded areas
- No loose items (such as scarves or long drawstrings) that could catch when climbing
- Weather-appropriate clothing (coat, waterproofs, sun hat, etc.)

If clothing is not suitable

If a child is not dressed safely for certain activities, we will always support them to:

Adjust what they are doing to keep them safe, or Use spare clothing from our storage area that we refer to as TK-Maxx - where we can. However, sometimes if we don't have anything or child does not wish to use our items, this may mean they are unable to take part in some of the more adventurous parts of OPAL play.

Working together

We understand that mornings can be busy and that not everyone has lots of spare clothing. If you need any support with this, please do let us know, we are always happy to help. Our aim is not to restrict play, but to make sure every child can take part safely, confidently and fully. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide such a rich and exciting play experience for all our children.

PE Kit

To ensure that children are able to take part in weekly PE and games lessons, children **MUST** have their PE kit in school each week. As we are now doing more lessons outdoors

(even in winter) it would be a good idea if your child had an OLD tracksuit, fleece or pair of jogging bottoms in school for outdoor sessions.

Plimsolls are required for indoor PE and some activities may be carried out in bare feet. Trainers are required for outdoor PE.

Children must wear a white T shirt and black shorts for PE and games.

Jewellery

The Governing body of Brockley Primary School have discussed at length, the situation regarding the wearing of jewellery in school. With regards the wearing of ear rings, they have decided to allow children to wear simple studs or sleepers but only to allow children to wear one earring in each ear.

Multiple piercing of the ear is not allowed. They have also made the decision that any other form of body piercing, i.e. nose or tongue is not allowed as this puts the health and safety of children at considerable risk. With regards to the wearing of simple studs or sleepers during PE or games lessons, the school's Policy is based on that of Derbyshire Education Committee which states that "encumbrances likely to impede or cause damage to others must not be worn during PE and Games. The school defines these "encumbrances" as ear-rings and any other form of jewellery.

Parents are strongly advised against allowing their children to wear studs or sleepers during PE or Games lessons, so earrings must be removed on their child's PE or swimming day.

If children arrive in school with earrings in, on PE or swimming day, then staff will find an alternative activity for the child to participate in during the allocated PE/swim session.

Parents/carers are reminded that if their children wish to have their ears pierced then they should allow sufficient time prior to the start of a school term so that children can remove them during school times. There is no difference made in the approach to the wearing of ear-rings by boys or by girls the Policy remains the same.

Enforcement of the Policy

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher and staff to monitor and enforce the uniform as part of the day to day running of the school. Parents have the responsibility to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform. In the first instance, the teacher should deal with any minor breach of the uniform policy by providing spare, clean items. If correct uniform is not worn repeatedly, a message will be sent to parents/carers if this does not produce the desired result, the Headteacher will phone the parents/carers and discuss the issues and offer help.

In the case of jewellery and other accessories which infringe the policy, a member of staff may ask the pupils to remove the item.