



Benhurst Primary School Policy Statement

'Only my best is good enough for me'



Policy	School Uniform & Wearing of Jewellery
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Governing Body's policy on the wearing of School Uniform

It is the policy of the Governing Body of Benhurst Primary School that all pupils attending the School should wear the prescribed uniform and colours. The Governing Body has identified the following reasons for the value and importance of the School's uniform requirements:

- It helps to foster positive attitudes and high standards.
- It helps our pupils develop and identify a sense of belonging to the whole School community.
- All children are seen as equal, in dress at least, regardless of individual families' financial circumstances.
- From a security aspect, the wearing of the School uniform enables staff to readily recognise our pupils, especially when pupils are out of the School during educational visits or otherwise representing the School at events.
- It assures both parents and teaching staff that the child is wearing clothes that are suitable for work in the School, thus removing any potential problems that changes in fashion could bring about.
- It encourages every child to take pride in his/her appearance and of Benhurst Primary School.
- It enables the local community of Elm Park and Hornchurch to readily identify and associate with our successful School.
- In keeping with the School's ethos, the wearing of the School's smart and practical uniform is an integral part in reflecting the School's high standards and consistent approach to the delivery of sound, educational values.

For these reasons, the Governing Body of Benhurst Primary School will require the wearing of the School uniform and the requirements in respect of the wearing of jewellery to be consistently enforced by the Head teacher and staff of the School.

The prescribed School Uniform

The Governing Body has prescribed the following School uniform for Benhurst Primary School.

Uniform can also be ordered from two main outlets:

- The Havering Schoolwear shop in Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch or via their website <http://www.haveringschoolwear.co.uk/>.
- Tesco's via their website https://www.tesco.com/direct/ues/?sc_cmp=clothingattesco&source=others.

Boys

All boys will be required to wear the following uniform:

- Black trousers
- Bottle green sweatshirt (with the Benhurst logo)
- Collared white t-shirt (with the Benhurst logo)
- Black socks
- Black Shoes (no trainers or coloured markings)

Boys (Warmer weather option)

- Tailored, knee length black shorts (optional during warmer weather)
- Benhurst sunhat

Girls

All girls will be required to wear the following uniform:

- Black regulation knee-length skirt or tailored trousers
- Bottle green sweatshirt (with the Benhurst logo)
- Bottle green cardigan (with the Benhurst logo)
- Collared white t-shirt (with the Benhurst logo)
- White socks
- Bottle green or black tights
- Black shoes, without heels (no trainers or coloured markings)

Girls (Warmer weather option)

- Green and white gingham or green and white candy stripe dress (full length pattern)
- White shoes, without heels (no trainers or coloured markings)
- Benhurst sunhat

School PE Uniform

All Benhurst Primary School children will be expected to wear the following prescribed School PE uniform:

Indoor PE/Activities/Games:

- Bottle green shorts
- Round-necked plain white t-shirt (with the Benhurst logo)
- Black plimsolls

Additional Clothing for Outdoor PE/Activities/Games:

- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Black sweatshirt
- Trainers

Swimming

Children in Year 4 at Benhurst Primary School are required to participate in organized swimming sessions as part of the School Curriculum. Children will therefore require:

- swimming trunks or one piece-costume
- a Benhurst swimming hat
- towel

Watches must not be worn during swimming sessions.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are marked with your child's name; this will assist in the return of lost items.

Wearing of Jewellery

It is the policy of the Governing Body of Benhurst Primary School to discourage the wearing of jewellery by pupils of the School on the grounds of health and safety and because it does not accord with the School's ethos or image. This is with the exception of a small, inexpensive wristwatch (watches should not have the capacity to make/receive phone calls or texts or have access to the internet). Children are not permitted to wear earrings. Should parents wish to have children's ears pierced this should take place at the beginning of the summer holiday to allow time for ears to heal prior to return to school.

This requirement in respect of the wearing of jewellery shall be rigorously enforced by the Head teacher on behalf of the Governing Body.

Other issues

Hairstyles

Hair should be conventionally cut, well groomed, neither too short nor too long and not shaped or shaved into patterns or motifs. Moderate layering is acceptable but a sharp dividing line between long and short sections is not permitted. Hair should be natural in colour and style: hair additives, fashion styles, Mohicans and streaks are specifically forbidden. Hair accessories should be limited to simple ribbons, bands or clips and restricted to basic colours of green or white.

Headscarves

Headscarves in school colours may be worn (bottle green, black or white) in accordance with a religious observation. No other scarves are permitted.

Nail Varnish/Make-up

The wearing of nail varnish or other cosmetic make-up is **not allowed**.

Footwear

All children are required to wear sensible, comfortable black shoes without heels for the School day. The wearing of any kind of trainers, other than specifically for outdoor PE and games activities is **not allowed**.

School Bags

Benhurst Book Bags, Benhurst PE bags and Benhurst Holdalls are permitted for school. We would politely request no other bags or holdalls are used.

Water Bottles

Children must use a school purchased water bottle (these are sold directly from the School Office at cost price or from Havering Schoolwear). Only fresh water (non-flavoured) is permitted unless for medical reasons and must be supported by a letter from a doctor or paediatric consultant.

Mobile Phones

We generally discourage children from bringing mobile phones into school, nevertheless we are aware of some of the safety issues related to our 'modern' society and that some parents allow their children to carry a mobile phone for after-school arrangements. The school has a duty of care to ensure that learning is not affected or interrupted by children's mobile phones.

A completed permission slip must be completed for any child who is given permission to bring a mobile phone into school. This can be found on the school website or a copy obtained from the office.

- I agree that my child must bring the mobile phone to the school office at 8-50 before they go to their classroom;
- I will ensure my child's mobile phone is marked or in a cover/case they will recognise;
- I accept that the school is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage to a mobile phone on school premises;
- I understand that mobile phones are not permitted on any school trips or residential visits;

- I agree that my child will not collect their mobile phone until 3-30 after they are dismissed by their teacher;
- I accept that if my child is found to be using their mobile phone inappropriately, the school will confiscate the phone until collected by a parent or carer. This may also mean they will no longer be able to bring a mobile phone into school.
- If I wish to change this permission, I will inform the school in writing.

Electronic items

Children are **not allowed** to bring MP3 players, hand held computer consoles or other electrical equipment into the School.

Playing cards

Tradable card collections are not permitted into the School.

What does this mean to the Benhurst Primary School Community?

This Policy Statement means that:

parents of Benhurst Primary School pupils have a responsibility for ensuring that their children are correctly attired in their School uniform when attending the School;

parents are required to accept the Governing Body's judgement in deciding what is a permissible norm within the context of the School community and of the School's needs and direction;

pupils of Benhurst Primary School have a responsibility for wearing and respecting their School uniform, for looking after their uniform and that of their classmates;

all staff should ensure and expect pupils under their responsibility to display a high standard of personal appearance at all times, praising and encouraging children as appropriate. Staff should report any persistent failure of a child to wear the School uniform to the Head teacher;

the Head teacher shall rigorously enforce, on behalf of the Governing Body, the requirements set out in this Policy Statement;

the Governing Body shall undertake regular reviews to monitor the implementation of this policy by the whole School community.

Monitoring

All staff are expected to monitor the standards of dress according to this policy and speak to children/parents where necessary. On-going issues must be referred to the Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher.

Update of this Policy

This policy will be issued to all members of staff and school governors. Ordinarily, this policy will be reviewed every three years.