



BROADLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to School Uniform

I am writing to inform you of the changes to our school uniform that will be introduced from this September. This letter is to give you advance warning of this change and to ensure that if you are buying items of school uniform between now and the start of the new academic year that you are aware of the new requirements. There will, of course, be a phasing-out process as we understand that parents will still be planning to use existing uniform for September. We will therefore allow both the old and new uniform to be worn over the course of the next academic year with all children wearing the new uniform from September 2019.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps enable students to feel pride in their school. It ensures students are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear and promotes equality.

As you know, at present our school uniform consists of white polo shirts, red sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigans and grey skirts, shorts or trousers. This year we have also trialled optional black or red polo tops in Reception.

After parent feedback regarding white polo tops, we are aware that a lot of parents would like to change the uniform so that coloured polo tops are worn throughout the school. We have had lengthy discussions on whether this should be a black, grey or red polo top. Many of our staff wear a black polo top with the school logo. For this reason, and in line with the majority parental vote, we will change to red polo tops for the children from September for the whole school.

We would also like to standardise our school sweatshirts and cardigans so that all children are wearing our new school logo. The 'diversity multi-ethnic hand tree' represents the symbolic 'Broadlea hands', which have been associated with the school for many years, and reflects our school values of Unity, Respect, Love, Friendship and Tolerance. As we display prominently in our entrance to the school, 'We may be different fish, but in this school we all swim together.'

As we will have a red polo tops and a red sweatshirt, and as some children find the necks too high on the round necked sweatshirts, we are changing to a V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan.



We have also consulted on the colour of school trousers, skirts, shorts and pinafore dresses. At the moment, we have range of grey and black across the school. We have decided to standardise this to dark, charcoal grey or black only.

We have also listened to your feedback regarding local suppliers. Whilst we are endeavouring to find a local supplier able to embroider the new logo, unfortunately, our current school supplier does not have the embroidery equipment able to deal with a logo with the level of detail on the hands tree. If we are unable to find a local supplier able to do this at a reasonable cost, we will use Tesco School Shop.

We will be looking at postage options and whether we could order in bulk and sell on to you in school so that you do not have to pay the cost of postage and orders are easy to collect. We will contact you next week to update you on our progress.

Once we have the logo sorted, we will also be stocking book bags and sports caps. Again, we will let you know when these are ready.

We want to support you in buying affordable, good quality clothing for school and help make it clearer as to what is and isn't acceptable uniform. It is Broadlea Primary School's policy that all children of wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in an event organised by school outside normal school hours. Apart from sweatshirts and cardigans, you have a wide choice over possible suppliers. However, the uniform you purchase must match the uniform on the guidance.

Thank you for your input and for embracing the changes and working with us to ensure a smooth transition in the coming months.

Yours faithfully,



Sharon Freeley
Headteacher



New Uniform

At Broadlea we wear our uniform with pride. Our uniform consists of:

- Red V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered new school logo (*Supplier to be confirmed*)
- Red polo shirt (with embroidered new school logo optional) (*Supplier to be confirmed*)
- Dark, charcoal grey or black trousers, skirts, pinafores or shorts of an appropriate length
- In the summer, red/white gingham dresses
(leggings should not be worn under dresses and skirts; black 'Lycra cycling style' shorts may be worn under dresses and skirts but must not hang below hem length)
- Red fleece jacket with embroidered new school logo (optional and for outdoor use only, not to be worn as an alternative to sweatshirts or cardigans indoors)
- Sensible black school shoes (No backless shoes or open toe sandals; no boots indoors; no trainers)
- Plain black, white or grey socks
- Plain black, white, grey or red tights
- Plain black, white, grey or red hair bands without adornments
- No jewellery should be worn in school (plain studs can be worn in pierced ears but they must be removed or taped during PE lessons)
- Make up or nail varnish should not be worn in school
- Hoodies are not to be worn in the classroom or playground

For **Reception only**, the option to wear a **dark charcoal grey or black jogging bottoms** instead of trousers, skirt or pinafore. These are particularly suitable for outdoor learning. All other items of the uniform remain the same.

PE

PE kits should ideally be kept in school all week in a small drawstring bag which can be hung on a coat peg/stored in a locker.

- Plimsolls, slip-on if possible
- Trainers for outdoor games (Key Stage 2)
- Black PE shorts
- Red t-shirt (not polo shirt, with printed new school logo optional) (*Supplier to be confirmed*)
- Dark coloured, plain tracksuit (for cold weather)

During the 2018-19 academic year, we will allow both the old and new uniform to be worn with all children wearing the new uniform from September 2019.

Please note guidance for footwear, jewellery, nail varnish, hoodies and PE kits. These have not changed.

