

Uniform Policy

Bracken Lane Primary Academy

September 2024

1. Aims and Objectives

Within our academy, we believe that wearing uniform gives our children a sense of belonging and fosters a sense of community, as well as allowing children to develop a sense of pride in their appearance.

As you may be aware, [government guidance](#) on uniform has changed. The purpose of this guidance is to ensure the cost of school uniforms is reasonable and parents get the best value for money. With this in mind, we have ensured that, if parents wish to purchase uniform items with the academy logo, our supplier gives the highest priority to cost and value for money, including the quality and durability of the garment. However, we have also made changes to our uniform to also ensure that parents can buy all school uniform items (without logo) from any store.

If you can any questions about uniform, including where you can access second-hand uniform, please [contact us](#).

2. Academy Uniform

We encourage all of our children to wear their uniform with pride.

All items of uniform must be named so that they can be returned to the correct child.

Children in Nursery to Year 6:

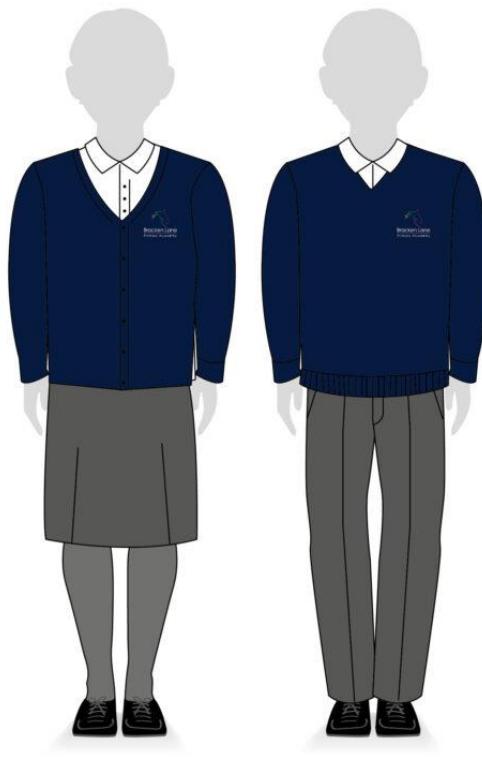
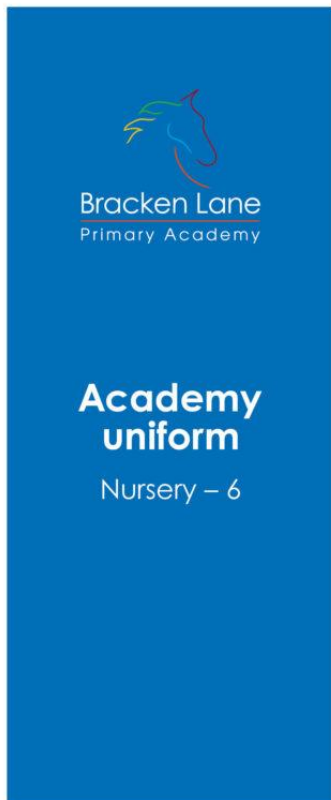
- White polo shirt (nursery and reception)
- White shirt with academy tie (years 1-6)
- Knitted navy v-neck jumper or cardigan with or without academy logo
- Charcoal grey trousers, skirt, or pinafore
- White, black or grey socks or tights

Summer Term only:

- Blue checkered summer dress
- Grey tailored knee length shorts

Footwear:

- Black shoes or smart black ankle boots
- *No heeled shoes*
- *No trainers*
- *No open toed shoes i.e., sandals*
- *No knee boots*



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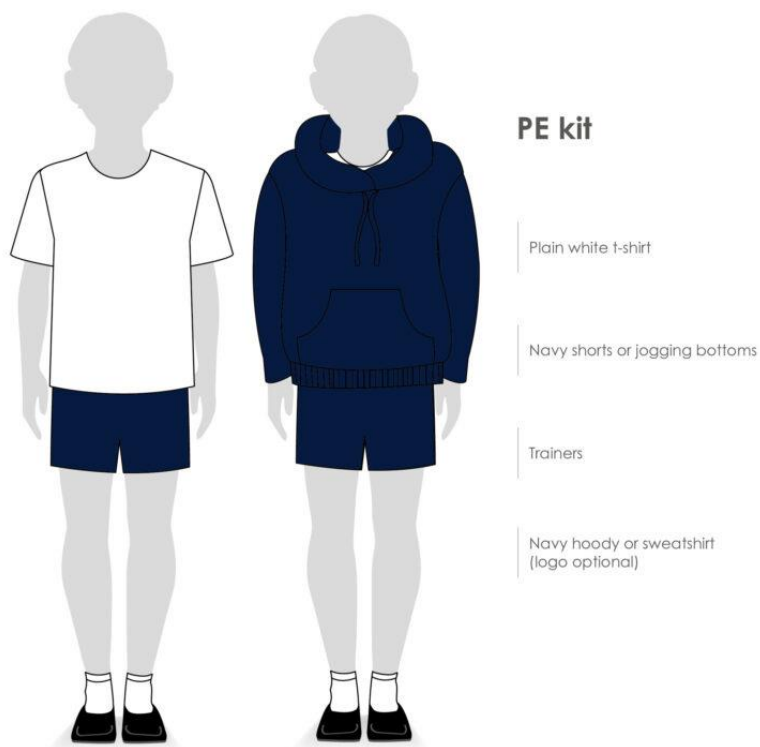
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ankle boots

Summer term only:

Grey tailored knee length shorts
or blue checked summer dress

PE Kit (Not required in Nursery):

- Plain white t-shirt (logo optional)
- Navy shorts or jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- Navy blue hoody (logo optional)



3. Hair, Jewellery, Earrings and Make Up

Jewellery or make up should not be worn with the exception of watches (**no watches that connect to mobile devices are allowed**) and stud earrings. We encourage parents to make use of the summer holidays for ear piercing. This will enable ears to heal before returning to academy in September. All hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back with only a plain blue or black band (no other hair accessories). No dyed hair or extreme hairstyles. Nail varnish or tattoos / transfers should not be worn.

With earrings, we recommend children come to school without earrings on swimming and PE days, if not, the children must take them out and replace them themselves. Staff are not allowed to take out or put in earrings.

If children do have their ears pierced during term time:

- For School Swimming lessons through Notts County Council: Children cannot wear earrings for school swimming. We recommend that children come to school without earrings on a school swimming day. Otherwise, they must be removed and

replaced by the child. If earrings cannot be removed, then children will be excluded from school swimming lessons.

- For PE, earrings can be taped for six weeks from the date of piercing. They must be removed for PE lessons after these six weeks; they can no longer be taped. The tape needs to be supplied by the parent/carer and named.
- Staff to be aware that the tape should be sufficient to prevent the stud post from penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (ie from another child or a piece of equipment like a ball). The teacher supervising the children retains legal responsibility to ensure the taping is effective for purpose

4. Non-Compliance with the Uniform Policy

Children not wearing appropriate uniform will be spoken to by the class teacher and parents will be contacted. Uniform from our Swap shop will be given to the child where it is available. Persistent and defiant non-compliance with the uniform policy may result in appropriate sanctions in line with our Academy Behaviour Policy.

We will always work with our families to support with uniform where necessary and appropriate. Our Swap Shop contains many uniform items that parents and children are welcome to take at any point.

5. Purchasing Uniform

Uniform can be purchased from:

Mapac <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/brackenlanedn227eu>

Academy ties cost £5 and are only available from the academy office.