**School Uniform Assistance Policy**

**Blakehill Primary School**



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**POLICY COMMITTEE**

| **Headteacher** | **Chair of Governors** | **Review Dates** |
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|  | http://blog.blakehillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/phil-sml.jpg | Last Review: March 2024 |
| Lisa Keighley | Philip Cavalier-Lumley | Next Review: March 2027 |

**Statement of Intent**
This Policy has been created to establish school uniform requirements and to provide a clear process for those requiring support when purchasing uniforms.
Following the withdrawal of the Council’s necessitous Clothing Allowance, Blakehill Primary School has decided to provide assistance to families struggling to meet the costs of school uniforms.
It is the policy of the School Governing Body that school uniforms create a neat personal appearance and a sense of pride and belonging, which together promotes an image of the school that comes to be recognised and respected. The school looks for full parental support and cooperation in this matter.

**1. Key roles and responsibilities**

1.1. The Governing Body has overall responsibility for the implementation of the School Uniform Policy and procedures of Blakehill Primary School.
1.2. The Governing Body has overall responsibility for ensuring that the School Uniform Policy, as written, does not discriminate on any grounds, including but not limited to ethnicity/national origin, culture, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.
1.3. The Governing Body has overall responsibility for reviewing the School Uniform Policy annually.
1.4. The Headteacher has responsibility for handling complaints regarding this policy as outlined in the school’s Complaints Policy.
1.5. The Headteacher will be responsible for the day-to-day implementation and management of the School Uniform Policy and procedures of Blakehill Primary School.

**2. School Uniform Requirements**

Our School Uniform consists of:

**Reception and KS1**

* White polo shirt
* Charcoal (dark)grey trousers / skirt / dress
* Charcoal (dark) grey shorts / blue and white checked dress may be worn in the Summer months
* Navy blue jumper/cardigan with school logo (preferable)
* Black shoes
* Black/white socks or tights
* Trainers can be worn for PE and at break times. Shoes or pumps should be worn in school at all times

 **KS2**

* School tie
* White shirt
* Charcoal (dark) grey trousers / skirt / dress
* Charcoal (dark) grey shorts / blue and white checked dress may be worn in the Summer months
* V-neck navy blue jumper/ cardigan with school logo (preferable)
* Black shoes
* Black/white socks or tights
* Trainers can be worn for PE and at break times. Shoes or pumps should be worn in school at all times

The full range of uniform is available from Whittakers Schoolwear (formerly Henry Smith's) in Shipley and The Uniform Shop in Bradford.

Click[**here**](https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/)for Whittakers details and information on how to order - details also displayed below.

Click [**here**](http://www.theuniformshoponline.co.uk/the-uniform-shop-bradford.php) for The Uniform Shop's details and directions.

Sensible, low-heeled black shoes (not trainers) should be worn for school.  Appropriate hair styles are also expected as part of the school uniform.  Exaggerated colours and styles are not welcome.  In this we are reflecting the policies of local Secondary Schools.

**PE Uniform**

Children should wear navy blue shorts, a white T-shirt and black PE pumps for indoor PE. Trainers, plain navy blue or black tracksuit for outdoor games. Pump bag.

**Jewellery**

The school follows Health and Safety regulations set down by the Local Authority.  In line with our ethos of developing and supporting cultural diversity, we recognise that some parents may wish their child to wear jewellery in accordance with their cultural beliefs and practices.

We would respectfully ask that parents consider the Health and Safety implications and take on full liability for any incidents that may occur whilst in school.

For safety reasons, we ask that rings, bracelets and necklaces are not worn in school.  If children have had their ears pierced only studs and not sleepers must be worn at school.  By following this guidance we also hope to avoid the added problems of loss.

**Name Labels**

We recommend that all items of clothing are named.  This helps us to return misplaced items of lost property to the rightful owner

**3. School Uniform Assistance**

3.1. Blakehill Primary School supports vulnerable families in meeting the costs of uniforms.
3.2. School Uniform Assistance is a voucher worth £30 that can be spent on school clothing.

3.3. School Clothing Assistance eligibility criteria is as follows:
• Children must have parents / carers who live in the local area.
• Children must attend a tax-payer funded school full-time.
• This scheme applies at Blakehill Primary School to children from Reception to Year 6.
• Parents / carers must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:
• Child Tax Credit, (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
• Income Support.
• Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance.
• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

• The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

• Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400.

3.4. Families who meet the criteria will be sent a form in July each year which should be completed  and returned to the school office.

**4. School Uniform Supplier**
4.1. Our school uniform suppliers are:
Whittaker’s (formerly Henry Smith’s), 21 Briggate, Shipley. BD17 7BP Tel: 01274 585015

The Uniform Shop, 54 Darley Street, Bradford BD1 3HN Tel: 01274 736300

4.2. Our school uniform suppliers accept School Clothing Assistance Vouchers.

**5. Further details**
5.1. The budget for the School Uniform Assistance scheme will come from Pupil Premium.
5.2. Eligibility shall be determined by checking original documents from the relevant authority detailing the receipt of the benefit and the address of the pupil.
5.3. Applications should be received by the end of July each academic year.
5.4. Vouchers can be collected from the School Office.

**Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy**

This policy and its effectiveness will be reviewed at least every three years, but also when the need arises by the Governing Body.