



## **BOTLEY C of E (Controlled) Primary School**

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Dear Parents,

We have recently been carefully reviewing our school uniform. We have decided that whilst there is no need to make significant changes to our uniform policy and uniform list there does need to be a few slight changes and a substantial increase in expectations and consistency as at present there is a real 'mix and match' approach.

The new School Uniform Policy, including a uniform list is included with this email but the key information is detailed below. Please do read the whole policy carefully though so you are clear on all expectations:

- The standard school uniform for all children above Year R is a for a buttoned light blue shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve) and tie. Therefore all children from Year 1-6 must be wearing a tie (unless they are wearing summer uniform – see below)
- Year R children will wear polo shirts all year round (no tie required).
- In the summer term only children in all year groups can wear polo shirts or summer checked dresses/playsuits if they choose (no tie required with a polo shirt).
- Shorts may be worn all year round.
- Top layers e.g. jumpers and cardigans must be logoed items.
- Cardigans will change from knitted items to a more robust material.
- PE shirts must be logoed items
- Polo shirts do not need to be logoed items, but they can be.
- Fleeeces will no longer form part of the school uniform.

The aim of these changes is, as stated, to raise the standard of appearance and ensure greater consistency. This fits within the Department for Education's guidance on limiting logoed items. We will also be working hard with FOBs to ensure that we have a good range of "new to you" logoed items available for parents. If you do have any logoed items that are now too small for your children please do donate them to the school so we can build up our stocks.

The new School Uniform Policy comes into effect from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. There will however be a transitional period over the academic year until it will be fully enforced from September 2025. As stated with the existing uniform list, all children above year R should have a shirt from the October half term if they return to school wearing a polo shirt in September and should also have a tie. From September 2025, it will be logoed jumpers and cardigans only.

The school uniform list on the school website and what our supplier can sell will be updated shortly to reflect these changes.

Finally, there remains the expectation that children are wearing appropriate shoes to school. These must be all black non-canvas shoes with covered toes. White or other coloured trainers are not acceptable for school as a choice for footwear.

If you have any queries, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cooil', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. J. Cooil  
Headteacher