

Uniform Policy

Statement of Intention

We are committed to fostering an environment that promotes **our vision** 'To continue to be recognised as a leading prep school for girls, providing unforgettable learning experiences which inspire our girls to **Believe** in themselves, to **Persevere** and **Succeed** in all they do'.

Our policies are designed to support the diverse needs of all our pupils, our staff, and our community. This policy and its procedures have been developed with due regard for our duties and obligations, for the safeguarding and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Principals of the policy

The Governors and staff of Bowdon Prep School have high expectations regarding the appearance of our pupils, who are required to wear the correct uniform at all times and in the correct manner. This policy has been drawn up in consultation with pupils, parents, staff and Governors, and is intended to support the ethos and purpose of our school.

Objectives of the Policy

At Bowdon Prep School, a high standard of personal appearance is expected. With this guidance, it is intended that we:

- create and maintain a sense of pride in our school
- promote a sense of equality and cohesion
- ensure that pupils do not feel a social or peer pressure to dress in a particular way
- ensure that all pupils, whatever their social, religious and ethnic group, feel welcome and part of the community
- support teaching and learning
- provide a safe and secure environment in which pupils learn how to present themselves appropriately

Unless otherwise stated, this policy applies to all pupils on the school site as well as pupils taking part in school-related activities within and after timetabled lessons, for example during educational visits. Pupils are also expected to conform to the school's expectations while travelling to and from school.

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General guidance

The school expects parents to support staff by ensuring that their daughters are wearing their uniform correctly when leaving home or being dropped off at school.

The full uniform list is listed in Appendix A.

We do not allow children to wear trainers in school; these are only appropriate for sport or outdoor activities such as Go Explore. School shoes should be black or navy blue, hold the foot securely and should allow the child to run safely in the playground.

Hair

The following guidance is provided to ensure that there is consistency of approach across the school. Hair should be tied back using a hair band, clip or ribbon. Long hair must be tied back securely with a bobble or in braids or plait. Hair accessories must be of the school colours. Hair colour must be natural and of one colour only. No hair extensions are to be worn, no beading is permitted.

Jewellery

One small, single, plain gold or silver stud in each ear is permitted. This stud must be worn in the lower part of the earlobe. In preparation for PE or dance lessons, studs should be removed or covered with tape before the school day.

In the interests of any potential health and safety issues, as well as for safety of the possessions, other jewellery worn for non-religious reasons is not permitted. Fingernails must be short. Nail varnish is not permitted. Watches are permitted, in either an analogue or digital format, but the watch should not have any other function, including counting steps, monitoring heart rate or access to the internet.

Meeting religious requirements

Parents are requested to discuss any religious requirements with the Headmistress.

Issues arising from the policy

Initially, parents should raise any issues relating to school uniform with the Headmistress. The school is keen to support pupils if their circumstances change in the short term and will consider temporary variations to uniform for particular reasons such as medical needs.

Policy reviews

Our uniform will be reviewed regularly. Parents, pupils and staff are consulted regularly and no less frequently than every two years.

Early Years Policy	Health and Safety Policy
Home/School agreement	Equality Policy
Class Welcome Booklet	

SLT member responsible

Sara Makepeace-Taylor

Governor / Board Responsible

Education Committee

Date of review

July 2025

Date of next review

July 2026

Appendix 1 Required	K/Garten	Pre-Prep	Prep	Optional	
Winter Uniform (Autumn and Spring 1)					
BPS navy coat or blazer	✓	✓	✓		
BPS navy pinafore	✓	✓	✓	BPS navy skirt	Y5/6
BPS long sleeve striped blouse	✓	✓	✓	BPS short sleeve striped blouse	
BPS felt hat		✓	✓ Y3/4	BPS hat and scarf	
Navy tights or BPS socks	✓	✓	✓	Navy gloves	
BPS cardigan	✓	✓	✓		
Summer Uniform (Spring 2 and Summer Term)					
BPS blazer	✓	✓	✓		
BPS red rain jacket	✓	✓	✓		
BPS summer dress	✓	✓	✓		
BPS summer Panama hat		✓	✓ Y3/4		
BPS red summer hat	✓				
BPS cardigan	✓	✓	✓		
White ankle socks	✓	✓	✓	Undershirt / Tights	
All Year					
Black / navy school shoes	✓	✓	✓		
BPS white polo shirt	✓				
BPS fleece (to stay in school)	✓	✓	✓		
BPS pump bag	✓			Tabard (KG and R)	
BPS book bag and bottle holder	✓	✓			
BPS ruck sack			✓	BPS Tote bag	
Water bottle (plastic)	✓	✓	✓		
Red or blue hair accessories	✓	✓	✓		
Sports kit					
BPS navy sweatshirt	✓	✓			
BPS navy sweatpants	✓	✓	✓		
BPS red hoody			✓	Red netball hoody	Juniors
BPS sports top		✓	✓	BPS skins / leggings	Juniors
BPS sports skort	✓	✓	✓		
Trainers	✓	✓	✓		