

Backwell School Uniform Policy

There are many good reasons for wearing a uniform; a school uniform creates an identity; it encourages a feeling of belonging and of having pride in the school and in appearance; it minimises differences and is by far the most sensible, smart and affordable way to dress during school time. Backwell uniform is designed to be smart, practical, comfortable and affordable.

All pupils in Years 7 to 11 are required to wear a school uniform and no exceptions will be made. Parental cooperation is essential if we are to achieve and maintain this high standard. We ask that all parents contact the school if they are unable to send their child to school wearing the correct uniform and we will be in touch if there is an issue with the items your child is wearing.

Any persistent refusal to follow the school dress code may result in more serious sanctions being applied, including suspension. All items of uniform should be clearly named.

Uniform List

Essential

- School polo shirt: with school badge and appropriate house colour trim. This item must be purchased from the school's uniform supplier.
- School jumper: navy blue knitted jumper with embroidered school badge, and appropriate house colour stripe. This item must be purchased from the school's uniform supplier.
- Trousers: formal, black, tailored style only. The school's uniform supplier stocks boy's and girl's school trousers. Trousers must be tailored style and loose fitting. If parents are able to match the style by purchasing from high street stores this is acceptable. If you wish to buy trousers from another supplier, please check that they conform to the same specifications as those available from our official suppliers. We do not allow denim, canvas or chino styled trousers. No leggings, jeggings, very narrow leg, trousers which end at the ankle or tight fit items, no zips, studs or rolled up styles.
- Shoes: sensible, plain black, flat shoes of a design that can be polished. Trainers and canvas shoes are not permitted. No boots and no high heels.
- Socks: should be plain black.
- Coats: any sensible, weatherproof outdoor coat (no denim or leather jackets or hooded sweatshirts). Fluorescent bands or strips are encouraged for road safety purposes.
- Hairstyle: hair to be groomed and a natural single colour. No unnatural coloured hair dye. Extreme forms of hairstyle are not acceptable.

Optional

- Skirt: school tartan patterned skirt, knee length. This item must be purchased from the school's uniform supplier.
- Shorts: formal, black, tailored style only (no cargo pockets, no side pockets, no logos of any kind). School shorts can be purchased from the school's uniform supplier, and they are also currently available at ASDA and Matalan (only the school style is allowed from these suppliers, see below).
- Tights: if tights are worn, they must be black or neutral in colour and not be footless.

- Jewellery: maximum of 1 pair of earrings (stud or sleeper) in the ears and/or one stud in the nose. No other facial piercings, spacer style or spiked earrings allowed. Pupils will need to remove any other form of piercing. **All jewellery must** be removed for PE/sports activities.
- Nail varnish: only clear nail varnish is allowed, and pupils will need to remove coloured varnish. Long acrylic nails are a health and safety risk and are not allowed.
- Make-up: make-up is only allowed if it is applied discreetly. Heavy make-up, false eyelashes etc. are not permitted and pupils will need to remove this.
- Vest: if a pupil feels the cold, they can wear a vest or thermal layer under their polo shirt. This must not be visible at the neck. No T-shirts under polo shirts.
- Watch: pupils may wear one standard (non-smart) wristwatch.

Acceptable school shoes: plain black, flat shoes that can be polished.



Unacceptable school shoes: No trainers, canvas shoes, boots or high heels.



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As a reminder, when purchasing items with House colour trim:

House:	Cotswold	Mendip	Quantock	Sedgemoor
Colour trim:	Blue	Red	Yellow	Green

We have high expectations of all pupils and their uniform. For clarity these are the infringements we speak with pupils and parents about most often:

- Leggings (which can most easily be identified by being tight fitting at the ankle) do not meet the expectation that pupils wear formal, tailored style trousers.
- Pupils should not wear hoodies or sweatshirts to school. This includes under or instead of a water-proof coat.
- Pupils should not wear/ bring smart watches to school. These are expensive items and can cause distraction. They are also not allowed by exam boards to be worn during exams/assessments.
- As outlined in our uniform expectations, pupils are permitted to wear a maximum of one pair of earrings in the ear and/or one stud in the nose to school. These **must** be removed for PE/ sporting activities regardless of the age of the piercing. **A new piercing is not an acceptable reason for being unable to remove jewellery before taking part in PE, the**

piercing will not close during the lesson and refusal to remove jewellery will result in a lunchtime detention in the first instance. Multiple pairs of earrings in the ears are also not allowed.

- Other jewellery, such as necklaces, bracelets or rings are not allowed.
- Shoes must be made of material that could be polished.
- Headphones are not to be visible or in use during learning time or while pupils are making their way between lessons.
- Pupils cannot bring skateboards, skates or scooters to school.

If there is a Uniform infringement, we will confiscate incorrect items that can be removed. For other items we will require your child to change. They can change in school if we have spare uniform in their size, otherwise parents/carers will be contacted to bring correct uniform or take your child home to change. If a pupil refuses a reasonable instruction to get changed this will result in sanctions, including time in the BSR until the uniform infringement is rectified. Refusal to enter the BSR or repeatedly failing to meet basic expectations may result in more serious sanctions, including suspension from school.

Backwell School PE Kit

Boys – compulsory items	Girls – compulsory items
• Rugby shirt (black/Houe colour reversible) * • Plain white T-shirt or polo shirt • Black shorts * • Football boots (rubber studs preferred) • Training shoes (not boots) – non marking • Black knee-length socks* • White sports socks (Spring/Summer) • Shin pads • Mouth guard (for rugby) • Swimming trunks (Years 7 & 8 only)	• Black/gold polo shirt with school badge * • At least one of the following: black football shorts, skort or full length plain black leggings • Football boots (rubber studs preferred) • Training shoes (not boots) – non marking • Black knee-length socks* • White sports socks (Spring/Summer) • Shin pads • Mouth guard (for hockey and rugby) • Swimming costume (Years 7 & 8 only)

Optional items

- Black mid layer PE jumper with school badge *
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Black ‘skins’ type of close fitting first layer for cold weather
- Black cagoule/ light waterproof

* these items can be purchased from the school’s uniform supplier.

It is worth noting that PE lessons have a six-week timetable and not all of the sportswear is needed at once. Pupils who wear glasses should have plastic rather than glass lenses with an elastic band to keep them in place.

How and where to buy our uniform

Price and Buckland are the school's uniform supplier and items from them must be purchased online.

Their website is:

<https://price-buckland.co.uk/backwell-secondary-school-bristol>

New school shorts can be found here: <https://price-buckland.co.uk/tailored-shorts-9902pb-p>

They are also available here: <https://www.matalan.co.uk/childrens-clothing/boys-2-pack-black-classic-school-shorts-3-13yrs/14491756.html>

https://direct.asda.com/george/school/shorts/D10M1G1C17,default,sc.html?prefn1=bucket_colour&prefv1=Blacks&prefn2=bucket_size&prefv2=15-16%20Yrs%7C14-15%20Yrs%7C13-14%20Yrs&cm_sp=e-desktop_p-back-to-school-uk_t-tier01_b-block02_d-250630_l-link01_c-boyssshorts_s-SS_tp-modulel_u-2

Click here [for detailed sizing guides](#) and click here to view a video on [how to measure your child for their uniform](#).

We also hold regular second-hand uniform sales. Items are first come first served and we cannot guarantee uniforms will be available in all sizes.

Those entitled to Pupil Premium funding will receive a voucher in the Spring towards new uniform items. Due to the way funding is released to schools we cannot offer any financial support towards uniform costs before then.