



Backwell School Uniform Guidance 2023-24





Backwell School uniform, including sportswear for PE, is compulsory for all students in Years 7 to 11; it is designed to be smart, practical, comfortable and affordable.


There are many good reasons for wearing uniform; uniform creates an identity, it encourages a feeling of belonging and of having pride in the school and in appearance; it minimises differences and it is by far the most sensible and cost-effective way to dress during school time.

Parental cooperation is essential if we are to achieve 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.

Everything should be clearly named, including purses, shoes and pencil cases.

HOUSE:	Cotswold	Mendip	Quantock	Sedgemoor
Colour trim:	BLUE	RED	YELLOW	GREEN

School Uniform (Years 7 – 11)

- **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 specification 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.
 - **Skirt:** School tartan patterned skirt, knee length. *This item must be purchased from the school's uniform supplier.*
 - **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.
 - **Tights:** If tights are worn they must be black or neutral in colour and not be footless.
 - **Socks:** Should be plain black. No socks over tights.
 - **Coats:** Any sensible, weatherproof outdoor coat (no denim or leather jackets or hooded sweatshirts). Fluorescent bands or strips are encouraged to be worn for road safety purposes.
 - **Jewellery:** Maximum of 1 pair of earrings (stud or sleeper) in the ears and/or one stud in the nose. These *must* be removed for PE/sports activities. No other facial piercings, spacer style or spiked earrings allowed. Students will be asked to remove any other form of piercing.
 - **Nail varnish:** only clear nail varnish is allowed and students will be asked 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. is not permitted and students will be asked to remove this.
 - **Hairstyle:** Hair to be groomed and a natural single colour. No unnatural coloured hair dye. Extreme forms of hairstyle are not acceptable.
 - **Vest:** If a student 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.
- 

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



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




Acceptable School Trousers



Unacceptable School Trousers



Please note the following important points regarding our uniform

- We **do not** allow hoodies, zip up sweatshirts or jumpers (other than school jumpers) to be worn on the school site or as a replacement for a coat. Hoodies and inappropriate coats will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.
 - Earphones **are not** to be visible or in use during learning time or while students are making their way between lessons. Students should not bring expensive items into school so 'airpods' etc. should not be brought to school.
 - Smartwatches **should not** be worn to school as they are valuable and can cause a distraction (if messaging etc. is activated). They are also not allowed to be worn in examination/assessment situations due to examination guidelines.
 - All piercings **must** be able to be removed for PE/sports activities. Therefore if your child is considering a new piercing this must be timed so that it can be removed when required.
 - Students who walk or cycle to school are encouraged to wear fluorescent bands or strips and a helmet for cyclists is strongly recommended. Students **cannot** bring skateboards or scooters to school.
 - **Summer Uniform Contingency:** If the weather is forecast to be particularly hot for a prolonged period of time the school will inform parents (and students) that PE shorts can be worn to school. Shorts cannot be worn without this confirmation from the school.
- 

PE Kit (Years 7 – 11) – to be worn in PE Lessons Only

Boys - compulsory items

- Rugby shirt (black/House colour reversible)*
- Plain white T-shirt or polo shirt
- Black shorts*
- Football boots (rubber studs preferred)
- Training shoes (not boots) – non-marking soles
- Black knee length socks*
- White sports socks (spring and summer)
- Shin pads
- Mouth guard (for rugby)
- Swimming trunks (Years 7 & 8 only)

Girls - compulsory items

- Black/gold polo shirt with school badge*
- At least one of the following: black football shorts, skirt or full length plain black sports leggings
- Football boots (rubber studs preferred)
- Training shoes (not boots) – non-marking soles
- Black knee length socks*
- White sports socks (spring and summer)
- Shin pads
- Mouth guard (strongly recommended for hockey and rugby)
- Swimming costume (Years 7 & 8 only)

Optional/Recommended 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 bought from Price and Buckland


It is worth noting that PE lessons have a six week timetable and not all of the sportswear is needed at once.

Students who wear glasses should have plastic rather than glass lenses with an elastic band to keep them in place.

Any piercings must be removed for PE lessons.

Equipment List

Students should be equipped with the following items for the start of the Autumn Term:

- Pencil case with the following;
Pens, ruler (30cm in length), pencils, eraser, sharpener and colouring pencils.
Protractor, pair of compasses and a scientific calculator (a Casio model is recommended by the Maths Department)
 - For food technology lessons students will need a named, sealable Tupperware (or similar) container for transporting cooked items home.
- 

How and where to buy our uniform

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

- From Wednesday 5 July 2023 you can buy online [via their website](#). Detailed sizing guides can [be found here](#) as well as on their website.
- Please ensure that you have placed your order by Tuesday 1 August to ensure delivery for the start of the new school year.
- Parents are welcome to purchase certain items (shoes, trousers etc.) from high street suppliers. Please ensure you understand what these items should look like before making any purchases.

Second-hand uniform

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale here at the school on Wednesday 5 July 4.00-5.45pm.

Items are first come first served and we cannot guarantee uniform will be available in all sizes.

Those entitled to Pupil Premium funding will receive a voucher in the Spring of 2024 towards new uniform items. Due to the way funding is released to schools we cannot offer any financial support towards uniform costs before then.



A reminder that we have a dedicated webpage
regarding uniform on the school website:

www.backwellschool.net/uniform

