

Monday 24th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support this academic year as we reach the end of term.

At Birklands, we want the best for our children and for them to achieve more than they ever dreamt possible at our school, on that basis we want to create a transformational school. The foundation of a transformational school is exceptional behaviour, where respect, manners and kindness are the norm.

The top priority at Birklands is always to praise and reward our children for the amazing things they do every day. Our children achieve at school, on every level, every single day. By narrating the positive and working in harmony as a team, we intend for our rules to become invisible. However, transformational schools still require clear expectations and systems to support exceptional behaviour. I detail below our uniform guidance as this is a behavioural area of focus for next academic year. I share the details with you, as well as the reasons for our approach. We believe we work better as a team when everyone understands 'the why' behind our rules and systems.

We value our uniform highly at Birklands. School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a sense of belonging. Furthermore, for our older children it supports wellbeing by enabling them not to worry about peer pressure associated with wearing non-school uniform. By wearing our uniform with pride, a focussed working ethos is fostered that not only supports children at school but provides them with valuable lifelong skills when looking to their future.

Uniform

At Birklands Primary School we expect all our pupils to wear appropriate school uniform.

The uniform consists of:

white shirt or white / burgundy polo shirt

burgundy cardigan / sweatshirt or fleece

black or grey shorts, skirts, trousers or pinafore dresses

burgundy gingham summer dresses

Black shoes - no trainers.

PE Kit:

black shorts / grey / black joggers and a white / burgundy t-shirt (no logos),
if hair is long enough to be tied up it should be on PE days.

From September we are offering support by loaning correct uniform. Please note that if a child arrives at school not wearing the correct school uniform (as stated above and overleaf) a telephone call home will be made, asking for the correct uniform to be brought into school for them to change into. If this isn't convenient or uniform is unavailable, with verbal parental permission we will provide clean uniform for them to wear for the day and change out of at the end of the school day. If you need support with providing the correct uniform for your child, please contact the school office.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy summer break and look forward to seeing the children return on Monday 4th September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V Farr', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mrs V Farr

Head Teacher