

THE SIR DONALD BAILEY ACADEMY

# Uniform Policy

for Parents



It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when in school, or when taking part in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

The complete list of the items needed for school uniform are in this brochure.

Uniform can be ordered from [just-schoolwear.co.uk](http://just-schoolwear.co.uk)

We think that uniform:

- helps to give a sense of pride in the school;
- promotes a sense of community, belonging and pride towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind;
- helps with security, assisting us in identifying pupils and intruders easily.

## **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Except— ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance.

We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE, games and swimming, or cover them with a plaster (or swimming cap), to stop them from causing injury.

## **Extreme haircuts**

The Sir Donald Bailey Academy does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

e.g. patterns cut into hair.

## **Footwear**

Like you, we want all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels, or with no straps or laces to keep them in place, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.

Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

## **PE/Games**

Children should wear white tee shirts and black shorts. In cold weather track suits can be worn. Plimsolls or trainers are needed. PE Kit should be in school every day.

**ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED!!!**

### **Girls: Foundation 1—Year 4**

White polo shirt or cotton shirt

Grey school cardigan or jumper or school sweatshirt

Black skirt, pinafore or trousers

*Summer* - Lilac/white checked dress

Flat black shoes with strap or laces - no sling-backs or open toed shoes.

### **Years 5 and 6**

Grey blazer

White blouse or cotton shirt

Black skirt or trousers

Purple tie

Flat black shoes with strap or laces - no sling-backs or open toed shoes.

### **Boys: Foundation 1—Year 4**

White polo shirt or cotton shirt

Grey school sweatshirt or jumper

Black trousers

*Summer* - Black shorts

Black shoes—no trainers

### **Years 5 and 6**

Grey blazer

White Shirt

Black trousers

*Summer* - Black shorts

Purple tie

Black shoes—no trainers

Corduroy, canvas, cotton or denim jeans must not be worn. Similarly, jackets in denim are unacceptable.

***We want The Sir Donald Bailey Academy to be the smartest school in Newark!***

## **The role of parents**

We ask parents to support the school uniform policy and to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Some items of uniform can be bought from the school office.

If any parent has any concerns about the uniform policy, they should speak with the head teacher. The Sir Donald Bailey Academy welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests.

## **The role of Trustees**

The Trustees support the principal with the school uniform policy. It considers all parental concerns about the uniform policy and liaises with the principal to ensure that the policy is fair and dealt with sensitively.

It is the trustees' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Trustees ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

## **Children not in correct uniform**

**From September it will be the expectation that all children come in the correct uniform.**

Should any parent not follow this guidance we will ask Parents to comply and, if needed, arrange a meeting to discuss any serious reasons why correct uniform isn't being worn. It would be very disappointing to have to send a child home for non compliance.