



Benfield School

Uniform Guidance

Academic Year 2023-2024

Our School uniform helps to promote the ethos of Benfield and provides a sense of belonging and identity. This guidance can be used by all members of our community at Benfield and will enable us to work together to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by our students.



From September 2023 all students must wear:

- Navy Benfield School blazer (this must be purchased from Emblematic)
- Clip on Benfield School Tie (this must be purchased from Emblematic or Benfield School)
- Plain white shirt with collar-long sleeved or short sleeved (can be purchased from your choice of supplier)
- Black tailored trousers or a black knee length pleated skirt

Black School Trousers

- Trousers should be plain black and tailored
- Leggings/jeggings/jeans/tracksuit bottoms or jersey material are not acceptable
- If belts are worn they must be black without design or embellishment
- Trousers should be worn with black ankle socks

Black knee length skirt

- Black pleated and tailored skirts can be purchased from Emblematic
- Skirts should be knee length
- Skirts should be worn with black tights
- Tight fitting skirts which are made of stretchy material are not allowed



Suitable Footwear

- Completely black, flat foot wear. This includes shoes, trainers and boots.
- Trainers must be completely black: black uppers, black laces, black soles and black eyelets. This means **we do not allow** any trainers with clear, white or coloured soles, logos, laces or eyelets.
- Boots must be flat and ankle length only.
- Shoes and boots must be made of a polishable material.
- Below are some images of footwear that are acceptable and form part of the uniform policy.
- The school reserve the right to determine what is acceptable with regards to footwear. If you are in any doubt at all, please contact school directly before purchasing your child's footwear for school.

The examples of footwear shown below are suitable as part of our school uniform:



The examples of footwear shown below are unsuitable and should not be worn to school:



Benfield School PE Kit

- Benfield School PE polo shirt
- Benfield School PE Sweatshirt (optional)
- Benfield School PE shorts
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms or navy leggings (must not be "see through" but small logos are permissible)
- Black/white sports socks/football socks
- Appropriate footwear.



The aim of the PE Department Kit Policy is to ensure the consistent and safe participation in physical education for all students in all lessons. Appropriate clothing is essential for the safe participation in physical education and Benfield School PE kit is students' uniform for their physical education lessons. All items can be purchased from Emblematic.

If a student arrives to lessons without the correct PE kit the department has a stock of spare kit that the student will be expected to wear for that lesson. If a student has an injury/illness or any other reason why they are not able to take part physically in lessons they must provide a note from their parent/guardian to explain the reasons behind their non-participation.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STILL BRING IN APPROPRIATE PE KIT AND FOOTWEAR EVEN IF THEY HAVE A NOTE EXCUSING THEM FROM TAKING PART PHYSICALLY IN LESSONS.

Students will be expected to take part in lessons in some form (referee, coach, umpire, helping with equipment etc.) and as such should be suitably dressed in PE kit to do so. Being in full kit will enable students to fully partake in the activity when they return to full health, it prevents their school uniform from getting damaged in inclement weather and in cases of illness it prevents conditions from worsening as students still have their dry uniform to get changed into if it is raining during the lesson. Where an injury or illness prevents students from being able to get changed easily, PE staff will use their discretion to allow that student to stay in their school uniform and contribute to lessons in an appropriate manner.

PE Footwear

Footwear Footwear needs to be fit for purpose and appropriate for the lesson location and surface. Football/ rugby boots will be required for activities that are carried out on the playing field during the winter months (football, rugby, cross country etc.). The department has a small number of pairs of boots that can be loaned out and used during this time. Trainers and indoor footwear should be in



good condition and suitable for the activity being undertaken. Plimsolls, canvas shoes or 'high top' trainers are not permitted. For gymnastics students will be expected to be barefoot when performing - exceptions to this are the wearing of ballet shoes/dance shoes which are suitable for gymnastics. In trampolining non-slip socks should be worn at all times. Tights are not to be worn when trampolining.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The PE Department strongly advises that students should wear appropriate PPE where necessary. These include shinpads (football) and mouth/gum guards (rugby). These can be purchased from all good sports retailers. The school also has a small number of shin pads of various sizes which can be used by students on a temporary basis.

Jewellery & Personal Effects

Jewellery, watches(including Fitbit-type devices)and bracelets/wristbands are not allowed to be worn in PE lessons and must be removed for all lessons. Therefore, should students wish to get their ears pierced this should be completed at the start of the summer holidays so earrings can be removed from September.

Long hair should be tied back at all times. Hair ties/bobbles should be provided by those students. Chewing gum is not permitted anywhere in the PE Department.

Inhalers

Should students require the use of an inhaler they must have it with them for every PE lesson and pass it to their teacher before taking part in physical activity.

Sun Protection

During periods of hot weather students are advised to come to lessons prepared to participate safely outside for their PE lessons. Students should be responsible for bringing with them to lessons:

- Sun lotion/cream
- Water that can be taken to lessons with them
- A plain hat/cap