



# Birches First School

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...to be the best 'me' I can be.



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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. Over the past months we have collectively noticed a decline in uniform standards. As we strive for consistency throughout the school, I thought it would be an ideal time to revisit our expectations and ensure all parents are informed to create consistent standards across the school, which reflect our school's identity and foster a cohesive and focused learning environment. We believe that adhering to these standards plays an essential role in helping children take pride in their appearance and the school, encouraging a focussed and respectful atmosphere conducive to learning.

Firstly, in terms of school uniform, all children are expected to wear the approved attire with our school logo. This **includes** logoed **PE T-Shirts** as well as logoed School T-shirts (this is a strong preference) with compulsory logoed cardigans and jumpers. School shoes are to be black, and suitable-no heels/slip-ons (small ankle boots are permitted for boys/girls in the winter months) and trainers are to be black or white in colour and only have laces if your child can independently tie laces. These items not only promote a sense of belonging, but they also help maintain a consistent standard across the school community. Please see link the link to our uniform:- <http://www.birches.staffs.sch.uk/uniform/>

		
<b>Logoed cardigan and jumper (compulsory)</b>	<b>Logoed school t-shirts (strong preference)</b>	<b>Grey school trousers/ shorts Grey school skirt/ pinafore (compulsory)</b>
		
<b>Logoed PE T-shirt (compulsory)</b>	<b>Logoed games hoody (compulsory)</b>	<b>Red shorts Black jogging bottoms (compulsory)</b>

For children with long hair, we request that hair be neatly tied up at all times to ensure safety and comfort during the school day. We kindly ask that hair accessories be limited to hair bands, bobbles and bows in the specified school colours of red, grey/black, and white. This not only complements the uniform but also supports a unified appearance amongst children.

Regarding boys' haircuts, we ask that they be kept neat and conventional. Specifically, we request that there be no drastic hairstyles or tram lines. This helps to avoid distractions and maintains an appropriate school environment. If children wish for this, I suggest the start of the summer holidays so they can be grown out by September.

Earrings should be small studs that cannot be caught. Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in the number of children missing their PE/Games lessons-it is the Governments recommendation of 2 hours of PE/Games per week and as a school I feel strongly about adhering to this. If children have earrings in, they cannot participate due to Health and Safety guidance. Therefore, please ensure ears are pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays so that children have the opportunity to practise independently at home taking their earrings out before any PE sessions. If your child is not participating in a PE lesson they should come dressed to school in their School Uniform-not their Games Kit.

Thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring that our children present themselves in a manner that reflects the values and expectations of Birches. We have a pre-loved uniform rail which will be available for you to take any items should you need to-all have been washed and are of good quality – so please do take what you need. Equally if you have any uniform that is in good condition and could be used again, please hand to the office so we can add it to the rail!

Should you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher