

**Bilbrook Church of England Middle School**  
**School Uniform Policy**  
**Approved by Governors May 2009**

**Introduction**

The Governors are committed to school uniform, guided by the following principles:

*School uniform should be:*

- A visible form of identification and belonging to the school
- A visible statement of the school's commitment to the academic, personal and spiritual development of our pupils
- Smart
- Appropriate for our age range (ages 9 – 13)
- Comfortable and easy to wear
- Readily available and not expensive
- Easy for parents and pupils to comply with the policy
- Consistent

**Main school uniform**

*For boys and girls:*

- White shirt with collar (suitable for a tie); short or long sleeves
- School tie\*
- School logo V-neck knitted jumper\*
- Black full-length trousers
- Black flat-heeled shoes (suitable for school, ie with laced, buckled or Velcro fastening)
- Black or white socks
- Outdoor coats: plain colours (reflective strips are permitted)

*Additional options for girls:*

- Black knee-length skirt
- Black tights

**PE**

Navy blue school logo sweat shirt\*

Royal blue school logo T shirt\*

Royal blue shorts

Trainers

Football boots

Shin-pads and gum-shield for football, rugby and hockey

Navy blue or black tracksuit trousers (optional)

**Technology apron**

*\*These items are only available from school*

### **Hairstyles, jewellery, make-up and other items**

- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted in school. Long hair must be tied back and kept away from the face.
- The only items of jewellery allowed are:  
A single pair of stud earrings  
A watch

We discourage the wearing of jewellery because items of jewellery can be a health and safety hazard; and because the school cannot be responsible for the security of such valuables.

As this is a church school, Governors also allow pupils to wear a cross and chain *if the pupil is from a committed Christian background*. Other religious items may also be permitted *if the wearing of these items is part of a religious duty*. Where parents wish their children to wear any of these religious items, a letter of request should be written to the Headteacher giving the reasons for the request.

All jewellery must be removed during PE and Games lessons. Pupils may be asked to remove jewellery in other lessons where there are health and safety issues to consider.

- Nail varnish and make-up are not permitted.
- Parents are asked to ensure that other items such as glasses, bags and pencil cases, do not carry any logos which are inappropriate for school (eg Playboy).

*Parents are asked to ensure that pupils do not bring in any personal belongings with inappropriate logos on them.*

### **With effect from**

The changes to the school uniform will apply to all pupils from September 2008.

Governors are conscious that in the short term this may present a financial burden for some families. The school will provide assistance where necessary, for instance by organising payment over a period of time.

*Parents are encouraged to approach the school and ask for support if they need it.*

Parents are reminded that second hand items of uniform are available from the Community Room at Lane Green First School.