



# UNIFORM POLICY

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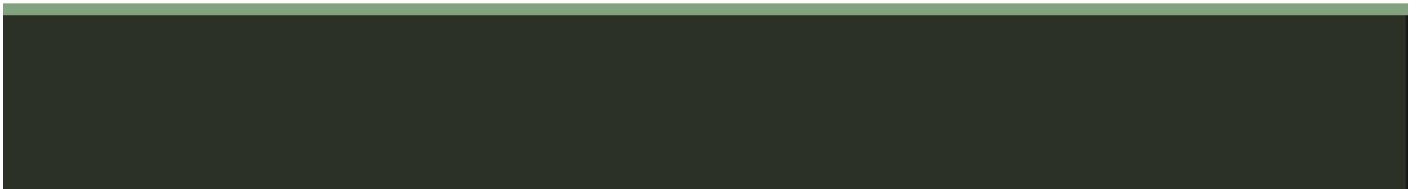
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# **BENTLEY WOOD HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

(amended March 2018)

We pride ourselves on our students being presented very smartly in their school uniforms. A high standard of school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- Well presented students give a good impression in the community
- Students, in wearing the uniform, are demonstrating their commitment to the ethos and values of the school
- It prepares students for the world of work where often there is a range of dress codes
- A uniform enables students to focus on their learning, rather than a concern with what they are going to wear
- It supports our policies of equal opportunities and inclusion, ensuring students do not feel different, or are not isolated, because of their clothing
- It reduces bullying as students cannot be teased about clothing
- It provides your daughter with a safe standard of dress

Therefore we do expect students to conform to our uniform code. In choosing Bentley Wood for your daughter we expect you to comply with this policy and ensure that your daughter, throughout her education with us, conforms to our dress code.

Should your daughter arrive in school in incorrect uniform, we will ask her to change into clean, correct uniform. This prevents you from being disturbed at work and ensures that your daughter does not miss out on her education. It also ensures that in cases of hardship students are not excluded.

If you have a temporary problem with your daughter's uniform, please provide her with a note of explanation. However, she will still be required to change on arrival.

In persistent cases of defiance, or breach of the code, we will require parents to come to a meeting with a senior member of staff and in the meantime the student will be placed in our internal exclusion room.

The uniform code is attached for your reference.

## School Uniform

- Coat:** **Smart weatherproof winter jacket or coat in plain dark colour.** No fur, denim or leather (no vivid colours or ski jackets). Outdoor clothing should **not** be worn in corridors or classrooms. **No 'hoodies' are allowed in school and are not to be worn on the way to and from school.**
- Blazer:** Plain black blazer with embroidered school badge available at Pullens and Teeny Wear.
- Shirt:** Plain white school shirt, long or short sleeved, with collar and white buttons. Shirts must be tucked inside the skirt or trousers. Polo necks are not accepted. No T-shirts or polo shirts. If a vest is worn beneath the shirt for warmth, it must be white and not visible.
- Sweater:** Bottle green with gold striped V-neck and school logo.
- Skirts:** Black 'A' line or pleated knee length skirt. No other style allowed.
- Trousers:** Black tailored formal trousers. No other type of trousers will be permitted. No jeans, jean style, wide flares or skinny legs.
- Shoes:** Black school shoes with low, broad heels, suitable for walking in all weathers. **No trainers, boots or canvas shoes.** If laces are worn they must be black.
- Socks:** Plain white or black.
- Tights:** Plain black or neutral.
- Headscarves:** Plain **black or white.** No sequins, lace or patterns.
- Jewellery:** **NO** jewellery except one pair of small, stud earrings no bigger than the O on a keyboard, and a watch, which should **not** be valuable or ornamental. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss of valuable items. Other than one earring in each ear, piercings are forbidden.
- Make-up:** None allowed (including nail varnish). Acrylic or fake nails are forbidden.
- Badges:** School issued badges allowed only.
- Hair:** Simple and neat. Hair accessories should be functional not ornamental and in school colours. Hair must not be dyed.

The following items will be necessary for every PE lesson at Bentley Wood High School:

- Green polo PE t-shirt (with gold stripe on collar and sleeves, and Bentley Wood logo)
- Plain black Jogging bottoms (with Bentley Wood logo)
- Green sweatshirt (with Bentley Wood logo)
- Tracksuit top (with Bentley Wood logo)\*
- Black football style shorts\*
- Green football socks\*
- White sport socks
- Sports trainers (with non-marking soles)
- Hair band
- Football boots
- Shin pads

\*Optional items

### **Transporting Kit**

It would be useful if you brought your kit in a separate bag so that if it is wet and muddy it is possible to transport it home without damaging other school books and equipment.

### **PE Department policy**

The PE department encourage safe practice when working with others and the correct handling of equipment when working with others. We expect each student to wear the correct PE kit for every lesson. As part of safe practice we ensure students remove earrings prior to activity and also encourage students to understand the importance of hygiene.

Students who are unable to participate for medical reasons **must** bring their kit and trainers and participate in the lesson by adopting a non-active role such as coach or assessor. Students who forget their PE kit will be given spare kit to wear during their PE lesson. Students are advised to wash their PE kit every week.

### **Changing Room Procedure**

- It is your responsibility to remove earring studs, if worn, and watches in the interest of safety before being asked to do so.
- You should not bring valuables to the changing room but store them safely in your locker.
- If you have failed to follow the guidelines above, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss. Your personal items are your responsibility.