

Brine Leas School

An Academy

UNIFORM & APPEARANCE POLICY

An integral part of the school ethos is the wearing of full school uniform. This promotes positive attitudes, high standards, and a sense of personal pride.

In our view, for a school uniform to be successful it must be:

1. Simple and not open to various interpretations.
2. Distinctive and smart.
3. Easily and readily available.
4. Reasonably priced.

The examples given in the policy cannot be exhaustive and the school reserves the right to define, at an individual level, what compliance with the Uniform & Appearance Policy is. We would hope that all families co-operate with the spirit of this policy.

UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform as listed below:-

Blazer	Black blazer with school badge (badge is embroidered with school logo)*. School badge is available separately.
Pullover	Long sleeved 'V' neck black pullover.
Skirt	Black skirt with school logo (must be a sensible length), and / or black trousers with school logo*, or identical style . Skirts must not be tight fitting, denim, cord or lycra material.
Trousers	Plain black tailored trousers. The trousers must have a hem and not be frayed or have a wide or narrow bottom. Trousers should not be denim, cord, lycra material or hipster style. The bottom of trousers should sit on the shoe and not cling to the leg.
Shirt	Blue shirt with plain, undecorated collar. Not polo or lycra style.
Shoes	Plain black shoes (not open toe design, trainers, pump or canvas shoes, no stilettos, mules or sling backs, a proper heel not greater than 4cm - no coloured laces or stitching). Variations are only allowed if accompanied by a doctor's note and by prior agreement. Please note boots are not allowed. See attached diagram. *
Socks/Tights	Black socks. If tights are worn then socks are not necessary. Black tights only.
Tie	Appropriate House tie# to be worn. The top button must be fastened and the tie knot placed at the collar of the shirt.
Belts	Only plain black belts are acceptable.
Protective Clothing	A house coloured craft apron# is required for Technology (only available from school).
Outdoor Coats	Most forms of sensible outdoor coats are acceptable. Casual leisurewear is not regarded as suitable for school. Coats and/or school hoodies must be removed before entering the building.

* Available from the school or school suppliers.

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We would point out to all parents/carers that the one item of dress, which has caused the biggest number of discussions, is shoes. Please would parents/carers insist on proper black leather or leather look shoes and not trainers or pumps, even if they are sold as school shoes in high street shops.

* Shoes Diagram

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School Suppliers

National School Wear Centre
99 –101 Stafford Street
Hanley

Stoke on Trent ST1 1LS

Tel: 01782 272991

Email: theschoolwearshop@btconnect.com

Used Items

Good quality used items of school uniform, particularly blazers, are often available. Please contact the school office for details.

Further Help and Financial Assistance

If you require help purchasing school uniform please contact the Business Manager, Mrs K Bradshaw, via info@brineleas.co.uk. All requests are dealt with in complete confidence.

PE KIT

Compulsory PE Kit

- Royal blue indoor top with school badge (either long or short sleeved)*
- Plain black shorts (not cycling shorts)*
- Plain black football socks
- Trainers (no fashion shoes such as converse)
- Long sleeved rugby top* (with school badge)*

Optional PE Kit

- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- BLS hooded sweatshirts*
- Black dance / yoga pants

* Items marked with an asterisk can be ordered from the school office. Please email: info@brineleas.co.uk or download an order form from the school website or the school suppliers.

PE Guidance

We strongly recommend that all students use protective equipment, as appropriate, during PE lessons. Shin pads and football boots are compulsory (gum shields are highly recommended). Due to Health and Safety implications, students will not be allowed to adopt the role of performer or player in football or rugby without football / rugby boots. They will still be involved in the lesson but will only be able to adopt the roles of coach, official or manager.

JEWELLERY

One wristwatch is acceptable. Students with pierced ears can wear one plain gold/silver small stud in the lobe of each ear. Nose studs (other than on religious grounds), other jewellery, piercings and badges are not allowed. Items that are not acceptable will be confiscated until they can be collected from the school office.

HAIR

Students having long hair must fasten it back in laboratories and practical rooms and for PE. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed. (No hair shorter than number 2, no shapes cut into hair, no unnatural colours or unnatural combinations). The school reserves the right to make the final decision on what constitutes an extreme hairstyle.

MAKE-UP

Students are not allowed to wear make-up in Years 7, 8 and 9. Discreet make-up is permitted in Years 10 and 11. Nail varnish or false nails are not allowed.

BAGS

Fashion handbags are not allowed. Bags must be large enough to carry an A4 folder.

BICYCLES

All cyclists **MUST** wear a safety helmet. In the interests of safety, students travelling in the dark are advised to wear fluorescent armbands or sashes.

MOTORCYCLES

Motor cycle helmets cannot be worn inside the school building but can be stored in a school locker.

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR CARDS

Each term, students are given a Learning Behaviour Card. This is used to record any uniform infringements, such as having an untucked shirt or wearing jewellery without permission. Six infringements will result in a uniform detention. If your child were to reach 12 infringements, we would organise a school-based meeting to discuss our concerns and ask you to work with us to support your child in being appropriately prepared for school and demonstrate appropriate attitudes to learning. Please encourage your child to take pride in their appearance with a positive attitude to learning. They should aim to have no signatures on their card at the end of each term.

EQUIPMENT

Students are required to bring standard equipment to school on a daily basis. This includes a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, appropriate books, PE kit (if required), ingredients for catering (if required) and a calculator for Mathematics.

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