



THE BELHAM

PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

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1. Policy Statement

At The Belham Primary School, wearing the correct uniform:

- Promotes pride, belonging, and equality
- Creates a simple and comfortable approach to school attire
- Reduces fashion competitiveness and fosters community identity

The Belham uniform is practical, easy to wear, and based on the colours navy and yellow. It is easy to identify a "Belhamite" in Peckham.

Parents and carers may mix and match items from the approved list depending on weather and pupil preference. The most important factor is that children feel happy, confident, and comfortable.

There is no expectation for pupils to wear The Belham branded items.

2. Main School Uniform

The required uniform includes:

- Pale yellow T-shirt or polo shirt (plain or with The Belham logo)
- Navy blue jumper, sweatshirt, hoodie, or cardigan (plain or with The Belham logo)
- Plain navy trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores, or dresses (all knee length)
- Pale yellow gingham dress or culotte-dress (summer term)
- Plain black leather-type school shoes

Footwear Requirements:

- Sturdy, sensible, covering the whole foot, fastened with Velcro, laces or buckles.
- Trainers, canvas shoes, sandals, or boots are not permitted

Socks and Tights:

- Socks must be plain white, black, or navy
- Tights, where worn, should be plain navy or black

Reception & Year 1 Outdoor Learning:

- Wellington boots required on designated outdoor learning days
- Cannot be stored at school during the week

3. PE Kit

All pupils must be in PE KIT for all sport and fixtures.

Required PE Kit:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Blue jumper or hoody (plain or with Belham logo, if needed)
- Navy/blue shorts, skirt, or jogging trousers
- Black or white trainers
- White socks

PE clothing should be appropriate for physical activity and the weather.

Swimming costumes should be one piece, trunks or suit and plain/dark coloured such as black or navy.

PE Bag:

- A suitable bag (school-branded or plain drawstring) to hang on classroom peg

4. Hair and Headwear (Halo Code)

The school celebrates and respects all hair types and styles, in line with the [Halo Code](#).

- Hair may be worn in its natural state and texture
- Protective hairstyles such as braids, locs, twists, cornrows, and Afros are permitted
- Hair that touches or falls below the shoulders must be tied back for health and safety
- Hair colour must be natural (black, brown, blonde, red, grey); bright/unrealistic colours are not permitted

- Hair accessories should be small, plain, and in school colours

Headwraps, scarves, and other coverings for cultural or religious reasons are permitted if plain and in school colours (black or navy).

5. Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted, except for:

- One small pair of plain stud earrings (one per ear) or a single stud in one ear.
- A non-smart watch

Hoop earrings and other piercings are not allowed. Earrings must be removed or covered for PE lessons.

6. Coats, Hats and Outdoor Clothing

To support outdoor learning throughout the year, pupils should have:

- Warm and/or waterproof coat
- Hats and gloves in cold weather
- Sun hat or cap in warm weather

7. Purchasing Uniform

Branded uniform items with the school logo are available through [Earth Uniform](#).

However:

- There is no expectation to purchase branded items.
- Plain items in the correct school colours are equally acceptable.
- Low-cost uniform is widely available from supermarkets and high street stores including Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys etc.

Families are encouraged to use Friends of Belham second-hand uniform sales as a cost-effective and sustainable option throughout the year.

The school is committed to ensuring no family experiences a financial barrier to providing school uniform. Families are encouraged to speak to the office in confidence should our uniform requirements be a barrier.

8. School and PE Bags

- Children are encouraged to bring a Belham bookbag each day but these are not compulsory.
- Plain bags in appropriate colours are acceptable.
- PE kit should be stored in a suitable bag (school-branded or plain drawstring).

9. Labelling

All clothing, shoes, and bags must be clearly labelled with the child's name to prevent loss and ensure prompt return.

10. Equality, Accessibility, and Reasonable Adjustments

The school is committed to inclusion and accessibility and adheres to the requirements of the [Equality Act 2010](#).

Reasonable adjustments will be made for pupils with:

- Disabilities, medical, or orthopaedic needs
- Sensory sensitivities
- Cultural or religious dress requirements
- Temporary adjustments due to injury or medical treatment

Parents and carers should contact the school if their child requires any adjustments. Requests will be considered sensitively on a case-by-case basis.

11. Monitoring and Review

This policy reflects the school's commitment to:

- Inclusion, equality, and accessibility
- Affordability and sustainability
- Supporting the health, safety, and well-being of pupils

The policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it meets the needs of pupils and families within the school community.