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Re: Uniform from September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update and reinforce the school's uniform policy and make you aware of some changes. At Bradford Forster Academy, we aim for high standards in all aspects of school life, including our uniform. A uniform is central to our school ethos, building a sense of equality and community among students, staff and parents, as well as the local community. We believe our uniform should give our students a sense of belonging to the BFA family and we want them to wear their uniform with pride. We ask all parents/carers to support the school in this by ensuring your child wears full school uniform.

Below are our **uniform** expectations:

- Plain White Shirt – buttoned to the top, long OR short sleeved
- Tie*
- Navy blue trousers** – not leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeans – worn with dark socks
- Navy blue BFA blazer – no hoodies or tracksuit tops
- Plain black footwear – flat shoes (no cros)
- Navy blue plain (no logo) V-neck jumper – worn under blazer (optional) – Jumpers with zips, hoods or logos are not permitted. The only jumper a student can wear under their blazer is a plain navy V neck jumper.

We have a very small number of ties in school we can lend out if a student does not bring theirs, **ties not returned at the end of the day will be charged on ParentPay.*

***BFA **skirts** have been phased out over the last year. From September 2024, they are no longer part of the uniform and cannot be worn.*

Equipment students are expected to have each day is:

- Black pen
- Purple Pen
- Small ruler
- Pencil

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Optional items – if needed in lessons, these will be provided by school however you may wish to use your own.

- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Coloured pencils
- Calculator

Footwear

Students are still allowed to wear plain black trainers or plain black shoes. At the start of the year all the students were very good at following the guidance, over the past few weeks however we have noticed that non-compliant shoes have started to be worn. The following types of footwear **are not allowed**:

- Crocs - even if they are plain black
- White or coloured trainers
- Trainers with white soles
- Trainers with coloured logos or laces, even if the logo is white / grey.
- Boots of any kind (unless surgical/for medical reasons)

Please see the attached diagrams for guidance of acceptable footwear. If you choose to send your child into school with trainers, please be aware that they will be wearing these in all lessons including practical lessons such as art. School accepts no responsibility for damage to footwear. We recommend that shoes are sensible and reasonably priced. If you still wish to purchase more expensive, branded trainers, please refer to the images provided to ensure you do not pay for trainers that will not be accepted by school.

If a student comes to school with an incorrect uniform, they will be placed in our seclusion room for the day. Medical letters from medical professionals, **not** notes from parents, are needed to show a medical need to wear any uniform which does not match the school policy. Shoes rubbing can be a cause of pain and frustration at the start of a school year, so if you are choosing more formal leather footwear, blister plasters are advisable as a preventative measure or ensuring shoes are 'broken in' before the return to school.

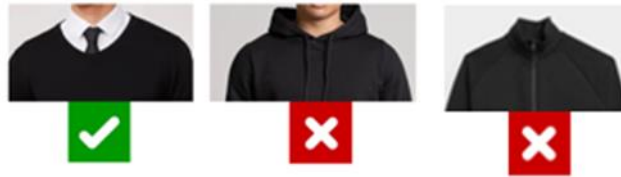
If any parents/carers require support in purchasing the school uniform, please contact our main reception.

To reiterate, we want all our students to feel a sense of belonging at BFA and demonstrate pride in their appearance. Therefore, we appreciate your support in ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform throughout their time at Bradford Forster Academy. If you have any further queries, please contact our main reception for additional support.


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Mr Dom Schack
Vice Principal

The following is an example of footwear/jumper that can and cannot be worn.



No Hoodies, zips or logos to be worn on jumpers.

Acceptable footwear	Not acceptable
	 Has white markings on – NO logos should be seen
	 Non-black sole and logo
	 Non-black sole, visible coloured inside, coloured logo
	 Red stripe, white writing
	 Grey stripes, coloured sole – must be black
	 Toes should be fully covered, no heels
 Silver tag from laces has been removed	 Coloured stripe on back, white soles, coloured writing
	 Lack of support