



BENSHAM MANOR *School*

Uniform Policy

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INTRODUCTION

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school. It instils pride and encourages identity, equality, diversity and inclusion among pupils. Uniform can also be useful to protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way. At Bensham Manor School we are aware that some pupils may struggle with certain aspects of the school uniform due to sensory/medical or emotional needs. The simplicity of our school uniform and the options within it make it accessible to all. Bensham Manors uniform is practical and comfortable. It is very good value for money as it is non-branded and can be bought very cost effectively on the highstreet/in supermarkets.

Bensham Manor School has some simple expectations on personal presentation. All students are expected to follow these expectations consistently when on the school site:

- Pupils wear the school colours - black and white.
- We encourage wearing suitable coats during cold periods. Coats may be worn in the school building but taken off as soon as entering the classroom.
- A suitable school bag large enough to carry equipment.

Bensham Manor uniform list:

- Plain black blazer
- Black jumper or cardigan
- Black trousers or black skirt
- White shirt or white polo shirt
- Black socks or tights
- Black school shoes
- School tie and school badge for blazer (both provided by the school)

We understand that your child may have physical and/or sensory needs which may mean that they need an adaptation to the above uniform items. All requests will be sensitively considered. The school also has a range of second hand uniform items. Please contact the office for further information.

Non-acceptable uniform items include:

Jeans, short skirts, trainers, canvas shoes

Advice on other optional items of wear/accessories

Jewellery: for health and safety purposes the school will permit only one set of stud earrings. Items of religious

clothing are allowed and include, but are not prohibited to - hijabs, kippahs, turbans,/patkas and durags. Items of religious jewellery are permitted but should not pose a health and safety risk.

Hair:

At Bensham Manor we do not prohibit any hairstyles. We recognise and embrace the diversity of our pupils. However, all students should ensure that long hair is tied back during practical lessons for health and safety reasons.

Nail varnish/nail extensions are not permitted.

PE Kit

Pupils wear PE kit to school on the days they have PE except pupils in Key Stage 4.

Compulsory PE Kit:

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- White t shirt/polo shirt
- Black Trainers

Parents and carers have a very important part to play in reinforcing the school uniform policy by providing the correct items of school uniform.