



CITY OF BIRMINGHAM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

BASKERVILLE SCHOOL

Uniform Policy for Parents and Carers

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Uniform Policy for Parents and Carers

Quick Facts:

- Most uniform can be bought from any shop (supermarkets, high street stores)
 - Maximum 3 branded items required (all optional)
 - Second-hand uniform available
 - Help available if you're struggling with costs
 - Policy updated September 2025
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The Basics - What You Need to Know

We keep uniform simple and affordable

At Baskerville School, we believe uniform should help your child feel part of our community without putting financial pressure on families. Most items can be bought anywhere - you don't need to buy expensive branded clothing.

If you're worried about costs, please talk to us

We have support available and will work with you to find solutions. Cost should never stop your child from attending our school or taking part in activities.

What Your Child Needs to Wear

Key Stage 3 Students (Years 7-9)

Essential items (buy from any shop):

- Royal blue jumper or sweatshirt
- Sky blue or navy polo shirt
- Black or grey school trousers, shorts, or skirt
- Plain black shoes or trainers
- Warm coat for winter (any dark colour)

Optional extras (with school logo if you want):

- School tie
- Iron-on school badge for jumper

Cost-saving tip: Supermarkets like ASDA, Tesco, and Sainsbury's sell these colours at great prices!

Key Stage 4 Students (Years 10-11)

Essential items (buy from any shop):

- Plain black jumper, sweatshirt or hoodie
- Black, sky blue, or navy polo shirt
- Black or grey school trousers, shorts, or skirt
- Plain black shoes or trainers
- Warm coat for winter (any dark colour)

Optional extras:

- School logo badge
- Year 11 leavers' hoodie (end of year only)

Post-16 Students (Years 12-13)

- Smart casual clothes (see dress code section below)
 - No uniform required
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PE and Swimming Kit

For PE lessons (buy from any shop):

- White t-shirt or polo shirt
- Black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers

For swimming lessons (buy from any shop):

- Swimming costume or trunks
- Towel
- Swimming goggles (if wanted)

Important: Your child must remove jewellery during PE and swimming for safety reasons.

Dress Code for Post-16 Students**What's fine to wear:**

- Smart trousers and jeans
- Shirts, polo shirts, and blouses
- Jumpers and cardigans
- Skirts (not too short - just above the knee is the limit)
- Smart dresses
- Plain t-shirts (no slogans)
- Leggings with longer tops

What's not appropriate:

- Tracksuits and sports shirts (except for PE)
 - See-through clothing
 - Very short or revealing clothes
 - Flip-flops or Crocs
 - T-shirts with offensive words or images
 - Political badges
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Money-Saving Tips**Where to Shop**

Supermarkets: ASDA, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons **High Street:** M&S, Next, Matalan, Primark **Online:** Amazon, Very, lots of choice **Local shops:** Many local uniform suppliers

Second-Hand Uniform

We run a second-hand uniform shop - ask at reception! You can also:

- Donate uniforms your child has grown out of
- Check our website for second-hand uniform information
- Ask other parents in your child's year group

If Money is Tight

Please don't struggle in silence. Contact our Head Teacher to discuss:

- Payment plans
- Second-hand options
- Possible financial support
- Temporary solutions while you save up

Remember: We will never exclude your child from activities because of uniform costs.

Shoes, Hair, and Accessories**Shoes**

- Must be safe and practical for school
- Plain black shoes or trainers work best
- No flip-flops or Crocs (safety reasons)

Hair and Head Coverings

- Any hairstyle that's appropriate for school

- Head coverings welcome for religious or medical reasons
- Baseball caps only allowed for medical reasons (please speak to us first)

Jewellery and Piercings

- Keep it simple - small studs and hoops are fine
- Nothing that could be dangerous in PE or practical lessons
- Religious jewellery is always welcome
- Cover tattoos if possible

Supporting Your Child's Individual Needs

We understand every child is different

Some of our students have autism, sensory needs, or other requirements that might affect what they can wear. We're always happy to work with you to find solutions.

Religious and Cultural Needs We respect all faiths and cultures. If your family's religious or cultural practices affect clothing choices, please talk to our Head Teacher - we'll find a way to make it work.

Special Circumstances Sometimes your child might need different clothes for:

- School trips
- Practical lessons
- Medical reasons
- Sensory needs

Just let us know and we'll sort it out.

Labelling Everything

Please put your child's name on everything!

- Use a permanent marker
- Sew in name labels
- Iron-on labels work well too

This helps us return lost items quickly.

What Happens If There's a Problem?

We'll always talk to you first

If your child comes to school without proper uniform, we'll:

1. Have a friendly chat with them
2. Contact you to understand what's happening
3. Work together to solve any problems
4. Offer help if cost is the issue

We won't embarrass your child or exclude them from lessons for uniform issues.

Need Help or Have Questions?

For everyday uniform questions:

School Office: 0121 427 3191 **Email:** enquiry@baskerville.bham.sch.uk

If you're struggling with costs:

Speak directly to: Head Teacher (call main number) **We can help with:** Payment plans, second-hand uniform, financial support

If you want to make a complaint:

- Talk to us first - most problems can be sorted quickly
 - Use our formal complaints procedure (on website)
 - Contact Department for Education if needed
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Quick Reference Shopping List

Key Stage 3 Essentials

- [] Royal blue jumper/sweatshirt (any shop)
- [] Sky blue or navy polo shirts x2-3 (any shop)
- [] Black/grey trousers or skirts x2 (any shop)
- [] Plain black shoes or trainers (any shop)
- [] Dark winter coat (any shop)
- [] White PE t-shirt (any shop)
- [] Black/navy PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms (any shop)
- [] Trainers for PE (any shop)

Key Stage 4 Essentials

- [] Black jumper/sweatshirt/hoodie (any shop)
- [] Black, sky blue or navy polo shirts x2-3 (any shop)
- [] Black/grey trousers or skirts x2 (any shop)
- [] Plain black shoes or trainers (any shop)
- [] Dark winter coat (any shop)
- [] White PE t-shirt (any shop)
- [] Black/navy PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms (any shop)
- [] Trainers for PE (any shop)

Estimated total cost: £50-80 (depending on where you shop)

Changes Coming in 2026

The government has introduced new rules to make school uniform even more affordable. From September 2026:

- Schools can only ask for maximum 3 branded items
- Everything else must be available from any shop
- We're already following these rules early to help you save money now

Remember

- **Most uniform can be bought anywhere**
- **Branded items are optional**
- **Second-hand uniform is available**
- **We're here to help if you're struggling**
- **Your child's education comes first, not what they're wearing**

Questions? Just give us a call - we're here to help make uniform as easy and affordable as possible for your family.