



Independent Bonn International School

School Uniform Policy

This policy applies to the whole school except the Kindergarten.

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours except when an exemption is granted for practical reasons. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in the IBIS Parent Handbook. Most of these items can be purchased at the shop run by the school.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging to the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games or cover them with a plaster to prevent them from causing injury. The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss of such items.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers all day. This is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for

sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If a child does not meet the requirements of the uniform policy on three occasions, this is reported to the Headteacher who will then send a letter to the parents.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the Headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the Headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through:

- seeking the views of parents to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Signed: Irene Bolik

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IBIS SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

The school uniform colours are navy blue, white, grey and beige. All pupils are required to wear clothing from the selection listed below. We are adding new items such as a jacket and hat. Details from the school office.

Girls:

- ✓ Navy blue or grey sweater or school sweatshirt.
- ✓ Navy blue, grey or beige skirt, pinafore, leggings or trousers – no jeans.
- ✓ Blue or white solid/plain blouse or top.
- ✓ Navy blue, grey or white tights or socks.
- ✓ Leather shoes in navy blue, black or brown (slip-on, lace-up, Velcro acceptable).
No trainers except for PE lessons.
- ✓ Warm weather uniform may include shorts in grey, navy blue and beige. Light-weight dresses in blue and white check or stripe. Sandals in navy blue, black or brown.

Boys:

- ✓ Navy blue or grey sweater or school sweatshirt.
- ✓ Navy blue, grey or beige trousers – no jeans.
- ✓ Solid/plain grey, white or blue shirts.
- ✓ Leather shoes in navy blue, black or brown (slip-on, lace-up, Velcro acceptable).
No trainers except for PE lessons.
- ✓ Warm weather uniform may include shorts in grey, navy blue or beige. Sandals in navy blue, black or brown.

Physical Education:

- ✓ All pupils need P.E. shoes (trainers) **with non-marking soles** (gym hall rule). Velcro shoes are preferred for younger pupils. Trainers must have clean soles at all times. **Trainers that have been worn outside cannot be worn in the gym Turnhalle.**
- ✓ T-shirt in solid/plain blue or white or IBIS T-shirt.
- ✓ Shorts in solid/plain blue, grey or white. Girls may wear a leotard if they prefer.
- ✓ Swim suit and towel for children swimming.

General Uniform Update:

On health and safety grounds children are not allowed to wear jewellery (except ear-ring studs) in our school. Motif/logo clothing is not considered school uniform (i.e. GAP, Nike, Adidas, etc). Protective aprons for painting and crafts in school are provided or will be requested by teachers. It is important that all personal property is **clearly marked by name** and regularly checked at home. Unmarked items lost at school may be identified and claimed from the Lost Property Cupboard (located in the Reception area of the school office) or inquire at the school office for valuables, money, etc.

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