

THE CREDO SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

Version 1

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Abbreviation /Acronym	Definition
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
PE	Physical Education

This Policy is for The Credo School.

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and Objectives

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

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- is practical
- identifies the children with the school
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind
- has been designed with SEND/Sensory needs in mind

Our School Uniform:

Option 1

Students may choose to wear the Birchwood Community High School full school uniform or PE kit. If chosen, students may be asked to wear a small centre badge to support identification (Meliora or Consilium). Birchwood Community High School uniform policy should be consulted in this instance.

Option 2

- The Credo School hoodie with the appropriate centre logo (required)
- White polo shirt or plain white t shirt (required)
- Black or Navy plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings (required)
- Black/Dark coloured trainers (required)

Jewellery & Nails

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are medical jewellery, small stud earrings and watches (not smart watches).

Artificial nail extensions are also not permitted due to health and safety.

Uniform Modifications linked to SEND/Sensory Needs

If a student has difficulty wearing any items of uniform linked to sensory needs, we ask that parents/carers bring this to the attention of the centre lead as soon as possible. Option 2 has been designed to be SEND and sensory friendly, but we will always listen and discuss concerns in line with a student's needs.

The Role of Parents

We ask all parents and carers 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 day. Parents should 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 religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform; the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

The Role of Staff

Staff are there to support all students. Staff are asked to challenge students who do not wear the correct uniform, but they are asked to do this in a sensitive way and listen to student voice. Staff will discuss any uniform concerns with parents in the first instance. If staff can support a student by offering spare uniform, they are encouraged to do so.