

THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF BAHRAIN



School Uniform Policy

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1. Rationale

- 1.1. The British School of Bahrain believes that there are many benefits to having a consistent and recognisable uniform:
 - 1.1.1. It allows for easy identification of students, essential for effective safeguarding;
 - 1.1.2. It instils pride and gives students a sense of belonging;
 - 1.1.3. It establishes and reinforces positive expectations of students, which supports positive behaviour and high achievement;
 - 1.1.4. It helps students to understand the importance of presentation;
 - 1.1.5. It protects students from social pressures to dress in particular ways, and prevents competition between students over clothing and fashion.

2. School Uniform

- 2.1. Our uniform is smart and practical for the local environment. It is expected to be worn correctly at all times, so that students look smart and presentable.
 - 2.1.1. Buttons fastened appropriately - second button below collar
 - 2.1.2. Sleeves not rolled up on long or short sleeved shirts
 - 2.1.3. Collar down
 - 2.1.4. Skirts/shorts must be knee length (within 5cm). Teacher discretion applies.
 - 2.1.5. Boys must have their shirts tucked in
 - 2.1.6. BSB Hoodies / gilet's off in the classroom
 - 2.1.7. Hoods must not be worn at any time on the school campus
 - 2.1.8. For students who wear a hijab, we request that they are plain and either navy, grey or white in colour.
 - 2.1.9. A sports hijab may be worn for physical education lessons.
- 2.2. On days when PE is timetabled, we ask all children from Nursery to Year 9 to arrive at school in their PE kit. For swimming lessons, all pupils should have BSB regulation swimwear and a towel. Additionally, students in Years 10-13 who have PE timetabled during period 1, will be permitted to arrive at school in their PE kit, but must change into their uniform after. They are also welcome to go home in their PE kit if it is timetabled at the end of the school day.
- 2.3. Please note that all the uniforms are for sale from the BSB Uniform Shop, located on the first floor in the Administration Building adjacent to the coffee shop.

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3. Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2

3.1 Girls

- 3.1.1 Blue and white BSB striped dress with short sleeves, reverse collar with badge, **or** Blue and white BSB fitted striped shirt, reverse collar with badge; navy blue shorts or trousers;
- 3.1.2 White socks, short or long as preferred;
- 3.1.3 Plain black shoes;
- 3.1.4 **Optional:** navy blue tights; navy blue V-necked sweater, cardigan or plain blue fleece with badge.

3.2 Boys

- 3.2.1 Blue and white BSB striped fitted shirt with short sleeves, reverse collar with BSB badge;
- 3.2.2 Navy blue shorts or trousers;
- 3.2.3 Short dark socks;
- 3.2.4 Plain black shoes;
- 3.2.5 **Optional:** Navy blue V-necked sweater with BSB badge.



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- 3.3.1 Regulation PE T-shirt;
- 3.3.2 knee-length plain navy blue shorts;
- 3.3.3 sports socks;
- 3.3.4 sports trainers.
- 3.3.5 **Optional:** navy blue school tracksuit may be worn, sports hijab.



3.4 Swimming

- 3.4.1 Girls: Plain dark blue one-piece costume
- 3.4.2 Boys: Plain dark blue BSB swim shorts
- 3.4.3 Towel
- 3.4.4 **Optional:** Plain dark blue full or 3/4 body suit, swim goggles, swim cap, neoprene swimming t-shirt



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4. Years 3, 4 and 5

4.1 Girls

- 4.1.1 Blue and white striped dress with short sleeves, reverse collar with BSB badge; or Blue and white BSB fitted striped shirt, reverse collar with BSB badge; navy blue shorts or trousers;
- 4.1.2 White socks, short or long as preferred;
- 4.1.3 Plain black shoes;
- 4.1.4 **Optional:** navy tights; navy blue V-necked sweater, cardigan or plain blue fleece with badge.

4.2 Boys

- 4.2.1 White BSB fitted shirt with short or long sleeves;
- 4.2.2 Navy blue shorts or trousers;
- 4.2.3 Short dark socks;
- 4.2.4 Plain black shoes;
- 4.2.5 **Optional:** Navy V-necked sweater with BSB badge.
- 4.2.6 **Formal school events only:** BSB school tie



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4.3 PE

- 4.3.1 Regulation PE T-shirt;
- 4.3.2 Knee-length plain navy blue shorts
- 4.3.3 Sports socks;
- 4.3.4 Sports trainers
- 4.3.5 **Optional:** navy blue school tracksuit or sports hijab may be worn (photo not available).



4.4 Swimming

- 4.4.1 Girls: Plain dark blue one-piece costume
- 4.4.2 Boys: Plain dark blue BSB swim shorts
- 4.4.3 Towel
- 4.4.4 **Optional:** Plain dark blue full or 3/4 body suit, swim goggles, swim cap, neoprene swimming t-shirt

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5. Years 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

5.1 Girls

- 5.1.1 Blue and white striped short sleeved fitted BSB blouse, reverse collar with badge (worn over skirt or trousers)
- 5.1.2 Navy pleated knee-length skirt or trousers
- 5.1.3 White socks, short or long as preferred
- 5.1.4 Plain black shoes;
- 5.1.5 **Optional:** Navy tights; navy V-necked sweater with badge.



5.2 Boys

- 5.2.1 White fitted BSB shirt with short or long sleeves;
- 5.2.2 Navy blue shorts or trousers;
- 5.2.3 Short dark socks;
- 5.2.4 Plain black shoes;
- 5.2.5 **Optional:** Navy V-necked sweater with badge.
- 5.2.6 **Formal school events:** school tie



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5.3 PE

- 5.3.1 Regulation PE BSB T-shirt;
- 5.3.2 Knee-length plain navy blue shorts or leggings;
- 5.3.3 Sports socks;
- 5.3.4 Sports trainers
- 5.3.5 **Optional:** navy blue school tracksuit or sports hijab (no photo available) may be worn.

5.4 Swimming

- 5.4.1 Girls: Plain dark blue one-piece costume
- 5.4.2 Boys: Plain dark blue BSB swim shorts
- 5.4.3 Towel & flip flops
- 5.4.4 **Optional:** Plain dark blue full or 3/4 body suit, swim goggles, swim cap, neoprene swimming t-shirt



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6. Winter Wear

6.1. For all year groups, nursery to Year 11, a navy V-necked sweater, cardigan or plain fleece with badge may be worn. In addition, the BSB zip up hoody or gillet may be purchased from the BSB shop to wear **outside** of the classroom. Alternative BSB hoodies (for example leavers, ski trip etc) may also be worn outside the classroom.



6.2. Non BSB jumpers, hoodies, cardigans or alternatives are not permitted. No hoodies to be worn **INSIDE** classrooms.

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7. Sixth Form

7.1 Girls

- 7.1.1 Light blue fitted BSB blouse (with logo)
- 7.1.2 Charcoal, knee-length grey skirt or trousers
- 7.1.3 Plain black shoes;
- 7.1.4 **Optional:** Navy tights; navy V-necked sweater or cardigan with badge.



7.2 Boys

- 7.2.1 Light blue BSB fitted shirt with short or long sleeves;
- 7.2.2 Grey trousers;
- 7.2.3 Plain black shoes;
- 7.2.4 **Optional:** Navy V-necked sweater with badge.
- 7.2.5 **Formal school events only:** BSB 6th Form tie

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7.3 PE

7.3.1 BSB polo shirt with BSB logo

7.3.2 Plain dark knee length shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms

7.3.3 Sports socks

7.3.4 Sports trainers



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8. Shoes

8.1. Footwear must be **plain black**, containing no visible logos or designs. Boots, open toed sandals or loose fitting slip-on shoes may not be worn. Below are some examples to assist in the assessment of suitability of footwear.

8.1.1. Acceptable examples



8.1.2. Unacceptable examples



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9. Formal Occasions

9.1. For school assigned formal occasions, students will be required to wear their uniform plus the following:

9.1.1. BSB School tie (boys, Years 3-13)

9.1.2. Examples of school assigned formal occasions include, but are not limited to:

9.1.2.1. School photos

9.1.2.2. Prize giving

9.1.2.3. Graduation

9.1.2.4. After school formal functions, such as art exhibition, sports awards or music concerts

9.1.2.5. Visiting speakers

9.2. Students who are elected into positions of responsibility will be given a pin badge to wear on their shirt throughout their tenure.

10. Other uniform and appearance requirements

10.1. **ALL** items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

10.2. Hats, whilst acceptable and expected to be worn outside in the sun, must not be worn inside the school building.

10.3. Makeup - none is permitted from Nursery to Year 6.

10.4. Nail varnish - none is permitted from Nursery to Year 6.

10.5. Jewellery - Nursery to Year 6 - religious pendants or necklaces permitted if kept out of view; no other jewellery is permitted. Religious bracelets or bangles may be worn with Head of Year permission - parents must contact Head of Year to request this.

10.5.1. Earrings - one pair of stud earrings allowed; these **MUST** be removed for PE lessons.

10.5.2. No other piercings or jewellery are permitted during the school day.

10.6. Hair - All students from nursery to Year 6 must tie up long hair (below shoulder length) at all times;

10.6.1. No bright hair dye or extreme hair styles are permitted. The suitability of hairstyles/colour is at the discretion of Heads of Year/Deputy Heads/Head teacher.

10.7. Earphones and mobile phones - removed/put away at all times on the school site. Refer to the Use of Mobile Phone Policy for further details.

10.7.1. 6th form students may use their mobile phones in the 6th form centres and cafe, but must have them away/out of sight when moving through the school, to set a good example to younger students.

11. Year 7-13 Jewellery, Makeup and Long hair:

11.1. Jewellery: one necklace, one bracelet and a maximum of 3 simple studs may be worn, but the jewellery must be discreet and these **MUST** be removed for sports participation. 1 non obtrusive ring may be worn.

11.2. Light make-up should also be discreet and nail polish should be neutral colours.

11.3. Long hair may be worn down, but may require being tied back to keep it neat and tidy, or for health and safety reasons, at the request of a teacher. Hair should not obscure the eyes.

12. Non Uniform “Mufti” Days

- 12.1. At various times throughout an academic year, the school may hold “mufti days” where students are invited to come to school in their own clothes for a small fee (usually 500fils) for charity. Some days are annual and have a theme, such as Bahrain day at the end of term 1, whereas others may be called as part of our ongoing commitment to charity work. Whether themed or not, students should follow our expectations and local customs by dressing appropriately, in line with the following guidance.
- 12.1.1. Clothing should be at least knee length and cover both shoulders.
 - 12.1.2. Clothing should not expose flesh inappropriately, such as ripped jeans or a crop top.
 - 12.1.3. No offensive words or images visible on clothing

13. Uniform infringements

- 13.1. Students dressed correctly and neatly can expect to be praised for taking pride in their appearance. Conversely, uniform infringements are treated as examples of negative behaviour, as per the Behaviour Policy. If a student is wearing incorrect uniform or wearing uniform inappropriately, a scaled response, such as the one outlined below, may be taken:
- 13.1.1. The student is reminded of the rules through an informal conversation with a teacher.
 - 13.1.2. The teacher has a formal conversation with the student.
 - 13.1.3. The teacher will give the student a community service, which is logged on iSAMS.
 - 13.1.4. The Head of Year takes on the role of ensuring the student keeps to the uniform rules, and issues an after-school detention.
 - 13.1.5. Parents are called in to discuss repeated uniform infringements, and to be warned of Step 6.
 - 13.1.6. The student will be sent home, unless parents or another adult can bring the missing uniform item to school, or attend school to solve any other uniform issue (e.g. makeup).
- 13.2. The same procedure applies to students who do not follow the guidelines for PE kit.

In all cases of uniform infringement, a common sense approach will be applied, before making a final decision.

14. Parent cooperation with uniforms

- 14.1. Parents should take the following steps to support the school in upholding the uniform policy:
- 14.1.1. Provide an email or signed, written note to their son or daughter’s form tutor, clearly explaining if there is a justifiable reason for a student to attend school without the correct uniform and steps being undertaken to rectify the situation;
 - 14.1.2. Respect the school’s policies and any sanctions that their son or daughter receives for not complying with the uniform policy;
- 14.2. Taking sensible steps to ensure that their son or daughter can comply with the uniform policy, such as:
- 14.2.1. Purchasing the correct items of uniform;
 - 14.2.2. Checking that their son or daughter is in correct uniform before leaving the house in the morning;
 - 14.2.3. Having ear piercings for their son or daughter done at the start of holidays, so that the piercing hole is healed by the start of the school term, meaning studs can be removed when required.