



UNIFORM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school uniform plays a big part in the pride that we have in ourselves and our school and it is very significant in influencing how others view us. We are working hard to ensure that every single member of our Ballakermeen family feels a strong sense of belonging and our uniform will play a big part in celebrating this sense of togetherness.

We believe that it is important that we are clear in setting and maintaining the highest standards in all that we do at Ballakermeen so that every one of us, staff, families and students, can share in the pride of being a member of our special and unique community.

In reviewing the Ballakermeen uniform expectations we have been keen to balance the need for appropriate and safe items of clothing alongside ensuring that various options are accessible and acceptable to meet our shared expectations.

There follows a description of the items that comprise our school uniform and sports kit. Only the BHS tie, BHS blazer (or navy blazer with additionally purchased BHS badge) and the BHS polo shirt are compulsory. Other BHS branded items are recommended because they are safe and robust enough to withstand the rigours of specific activities, for example BHS rugby shirts. Items not specified need not be BHS branded.

Please look carefully at the descriptions and check with us before making a purchase if you are at all unsure about any item. This is particularly important in relation to school shoes. Shoes should be footwear that would be worn in a 'formal' work environment that are smart and will be comfortable and protective for students to wear all day in school. Black trainers or sports shoes do not meet our school uniform expectations and this includes footwear with sports brand logo/name on side and rear of trainer (Reebok, Adidas, Nike, Lonsdale, Lacoste, Fred Perry, Converse, Vans etc). Covering logos with tape or marker pens is not acceptable. We hope that this information is clear so that the wasted expense of purchasing inappropriate school footwear for the new school year is avoided. Please contact us in school prior to purchasing any school shoes or other uniform if you require any further clarification.

Any student who chooses to wear clothing or footwear that does not meet the standards described here and on our website will be expected to make necessary changes in order to do so. Parents/carers will be contacted to inform them of any issues and we thank you in anticipation of your support.

We appreciate that at times families may experience financial hardship. In such cases, confidential requests for support will be considered sympathetically.

We look forward to seeing all our students sharing in the joy of being a Ballakermeen student and wearing our uniform with pride both in school, when competing against other schools and when out and about in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Corrin
Head Teacher Designate

UNIFORM FOR YEARS 7 - 11



SUPPLIERS:

Blazers and sweatshirts are available from Promenade Shirts & Embroidery:

www.promenadeschoolwear.com

If you buy a blazer from another shop, the school has a supply of sew-on badges. We also sell school ties.

Branded P.E. kit is available from Dangerous Apparel Ltd:

www.dangerousapparel.co.uk/
Ballakermeen

This is the uniform we expect:

- Black, plain school trousers (for all years) of a suitable, formal design. Skinny trousers, leggings, jeans, or any other non-formal trouser styles are not acceptable

OR

- Navy blue or black, plain or pleated school uniform skirt. Please ensure that the skirt sits no more than one inch above your child's knee and is a formal school skirt - not lycra or tight fitting
- White shirt with collar suitable for wearing a tie
- BHS school tie
- Navy school blazer with BHS badge
- Plain, black, smart shoes with no obvious logo - trainers are not acceptable
- Plain navy, black, or white socks, or black tights
- Jumper (optional) - navy, plain V-necked
- Hooded tops are not permitted
- Students will be provided with a lanyard to hold their smartcard. This is part of school uniform.

Personal appearance:

The following are permitted:

- A plain ring that can be worn on one hand
- Years 10 and 11 are allowed a minimal amount of concealing foundation discreetly applied
- One small plain stud worn in either or both ears
- One breakable chain to be worn inside top clothing
- Any other piercings should be removed or covered
- Years 10 and 11 can wear a single colour of nail varnish
- Extremes of hairstyle are not allowed (if in doubt, please ask in advance)

For reasons of health and safety:

- Jewellery must be removed during P.E. lessons
- Long hair must always be tied back/up in all lessons when practical activities take place

SCHOOL P.E. KIT

All students are required to have the following P.E. Kit for their lessons. The navy blue Ballakermeen polo shirt is the only compulsory branded item. All other items may be either plain or Ballakermeen branded. No other brands will be accepted. As long as students wear their Ballakermeen polo shirt on top, they may layer other clothing underneath.

- Navy blue Ballakermeen polo shirt (compulsory)
- Navy blue Ballakermeen Rugby shirt (boys) or Ballakermeen zipped top (boys or girls)
- Navy blue shorts/skort/leggings
- Navy blue football socks
- Training shoes
- Football boots (boys)
- Swimming costume/short/trunks, and (optional) goggles
- Towel

Although not compulsory, we strongly advise that students wear the appropriate safety equipment for each activity e.g. shin-pads, gum shield, and appropriate footwear.



Outdoor clothing:

Coats or outerwear must be removed whilst in the school building. All garments must be clearly marked with the owner's name so that they can be returned if lost. Parents are strongly advised not to send children to school in expensive coats as we regularly have a number of coats left in Lost Property, unclaimed by the students.

Uniform Swap Shop:

Uniform Swap Shop runs at regular times during the school holidays and is available for you to come along and pick up some 'good as new' donated and washed uniform. Our Facebook is updated to show when the next one is taking place, but if your need is urgent please contact Mr Mitchell via bhsenquiries@sch.im

BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

The minimum requirements are:

- A suitable bag for books and other equipment
- Pens and pencils, a ruler, an eraser, crayons or felt tips
- Student planner (supplied by school)
- Lockers will be available at a 'one off' cost of £5
- Compasses, protractors and calculators will be available in classrooms. Students are taught how to use the functions on a scientific calculator, as these skills will be needed for external exams. You may wish to purchase a calculator for home use. We recommend 'Casio' as this is the brand we use in school.

All students will have access to the library as well as the school's computers and printers for research and homework before, during, and after school.