

BCCS Uniform and PE Kit Policy

Purpose of the Policy

At Bristol Cathedral Choir School (BCCS), our school uniform and PE kit help foster a sense of community, equality and pride. This policy ensures that our uniform requirements are practical, inclusive, and affordable, in line with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on school uniforms (September 2024).

Parents and carers can access the government guidance here: [DfE School Uniform Guidance](#).

General Principles

- All uniform and PE kit items should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps lost property to be returned promptly.
- The school works to ensure its uniform is affordable and widely available. Where possible, items can be purchased from multiple retailers; only a small number of branded items are required.
- Students must wear full school uniform correctly at all times, unless otherwise instructed.

School Uniform – Years 7 to 11

Branded Items (available only from Monkhouse Schoolwear)

- Black blazer with embroidered school badge
- School tie (or Chorister's tie)

[Monkhouse Schoolwear: Order Online](#)



General Uniform (available from Monkhouse, supermarkets, or other retailers):

- Knee-length black pleated skirt, plain ankle-length black maxi skirt, tailored black trousers, or shorts.
- Black V-neck or round neck pullover (plain or BCCS logo). Hoodies are not permitted.

- Plain white shirt with collar button done up. Shirts must be tucked in.
- Plain black, grey or skin-coloured tights, grey or black socks. Leggings or leg warmers are not permitted.
- Plain black shoes or trainers. Branding and laces must also be black. High-heeled shoes or boots are not permitted due to the uneven ground, steps, and slopes across the school site, ensuring we maintain safety and prevent injury.

Accessories and Appearance:

- Hair: Students may wear their hair in any style, length, or colour, subject to safety requirements. Bristol Cathedral Choir School operates in alignment with the Halo Code. For health and safety compliance, long hair must be tied back securely during PE and practical subjects where necessary e.g. Design & Technology.
- Jewellery: A single, small, plain stud earring in each ear lobe and one nose stud permitted. No hoops, dangly earrings, stretchers, visible bracelets, rings, or necklaces.
- Makeup and nails should be discrete.
- Coats may be worn outdoors but must be removed indoors. Scarves, hats and gloves must not be worn indoors.
- Head coverings (Hijabs, Turbans, Durags) should be plain in colour.

PE Kit

Branded Items (available only from Harris Sports Ltd):

- Red/black BCCS Single PE top (Polo Top)
- BCCS All Weather top

[Harris Sports: Order Online](#)



Other PE kit (unbranded, available from Harris Sports and general sports retailers):

- Black shorts, leggings, tracksuit bottoms, or BCCS skort
- Red or black rugby/hockey/football socks for outdoor PE

- Red, Black or White socks for indoor PE
- Football boots (rugby boots are also acceptable)
- Trainers (supportive, not fashion trainers)
- Gum shield and shin pads are required

Important Health and Safety, when taking part in PE:

The PE team would appreciate parental support in ensuring students with earrings and long hair come to lessons equipped to remove or tape up earrings, and long hair (touching shoulders or longer) is tied up. Jewellery including watches, necklaces and rings must be removed. These are health and safety expectations for participating in PE.

Outdoor PE at Failand:

- Students must dress appropriately for the weather, bringing their all weather top, thermal layers, extra t-shirts, hats, gloves or sunhat as needed.
- We encourage extra layers during winter but the outermost layer must be BCCS polo top, BCCS all weather top or the old BCCS rugby top. Coats are not permitted to be worn during lessons.
- Our expectations are that the top layer should be a BCCS PE top; plain black or BCCS bottoms (tracksuit bottoms, shorts, leggings or skort) and appropriate footwear for the activity (boots or trainers).

Labelling and Lost Property

All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly labelled with the student's full name. This assists with the quick return of lost property.

Equipment for All Students

Students are expected to bring essential equipment each day. A full list is provided in the Parent/ Carer and Student Handbook and includes items such as a scientific calculator, pencil case, and water bottle.

Lanyards

Students must wear their school lanyard and ID card at all times for security and identification. Replacement costs:

- Card: £3.50
- Holder: 50p
- Lanyard: £3.00
(Purchased via ParentPay)

Non-Compliance or Inappropriate Uniform

- If a student arrives wearing incorrect or inappropriate uniform this will be addressed in line with the BCCS Behaviour for Learning Policy. This includes students being offered loan uniform to wear, they may be sent home to change, after contact with parents/carers or work in the Internal Removal Room until the issue is resolved.
- The Headteacher's decision on uniform matters is final.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to remain in line with government guidance and community needs.