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Dear Parents and Carers

Uniform Requirements for September 2025

We are writing to remind you of our uniform expectations for September 2025.

You can view the full version of our Uniform Policy on our website where you will find lots of information on where to source affordable uniform or recycled uniform:

bulwellacademy.org.uk/uniform

The page also offers details of charitable organisations who can support with free uniform

There are no changes to the uniform expectations for September, except to the requirement for equipment to be carried **every day** in a **suitably sized plain black backpack that can be worn on the shoulder/s** (ie, large enough to carry A4 size folders and PE kit).

Our aim is to write to parents early enough to give you time to purchase items in time for September 2025. Please note that if you are ordering items from [Just Schoolwear](http://JustSchoolwear), such as blazers, please **order by 4 August** for delivery in time for September.

The expectations we wish to highlight for September 2025 are as follows:

- **Plain black shoes with a black sole and flat heel**—no trainers or Croc-style shoes are permitted. Ankle socks and trainer socks worn on their own can be any colour. Socks worn above the ankle must be black. Socks worn over tights must be black.
- **Black regular fit school trousers**, or **black pleated school skirt** worn no shorter than 1 inch above the knee (*trousers and skirts should not be tight fitting or made of stretchy fabric; any belts worn should be plain black*); where appropriate, students are permitted to wear a plain black kamiz or a plain black shalwar.

We would appreciate your support to ensure that **appropriate length pleated skirts** are purchased during the summer break.

- **Pupils will be required to have their top button fastened up on their school shirt at all times.** It is therefore important to ensure that any new school shirts, purchased for September 2024, are appropriately sized to ensure that the top button may button up.
- **No false nails**—these must be removed before students enter the school premises.
- **No hooped jewellery** or smartwatches. Only one studded nose piercing and one ear stud per ear. No more than two bracelets. *All jewellery must be removed before PE with the exception of medical identity tags.*



We have unashamedly high uniform expectations. Many of you will be aware that we operate a '**Red Line**' system—every pupil's uniform is checked every morning, and they are not permitted to cross the 'Red Line' until their uniform complies with school expectations.

In some circumstances, where pupils may have inadvertently forgotten an item of uniform, we are happy to provide a replacement item for the day. If this behaviour is repeated, then we may ask the pupils to return home to collect the missing item.

As we continue to improve our school, we appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school wearing their uniform with pride. **Please see the infographic below for a quick reminder of our Uniform Expectations.**

For parents who may find purchasing uniform a financial challenge, the school has a Recycled Uniform Shop that can provide recycled uniform at low cost (or for free if you are donating uniform you no longer need). There are also other ways in which you can source more affordable or free uniform. [Click here to find out more on the school's website.](#)

If, for any reason, you are struggling to provide the correct uniform for your child or you are unsure whether your uniform choices are compliant with the school's policy, please do not hesitate to get in touch by email to: enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk


Your sincerely

Mrs McCarthy
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Behaviour & Culture


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Every year group has a different colour stripe on their tie. Please see the numbers on the infographic for reference. Please note that your child will keep the same colour tie throughout their time at the Academy. Year 7 students **only** are provided with a free tie on their first day. Replacement ties can be purchased via the Arbor School Shop or from Just



Uniform Expectations at THE BULWELL ACADEMY




The Bulwell Academy Blazer




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White Shirt
(buttoned to top, tucked in) worn with year group tie




Black V-Neck Jumper
(optional), with or without red trim



Black Pleated Skirt or Black Regular Fit Trousers




- **School socks** worn above the ankle must be black.
- **School tights** must be black. Any socks worn over tights must be black.
- **Ankle or trainer socks** worn on their own may be of any colour.




PE

- **Plain Black T-shirt** (or Bulwell branded PE top)
- **Black Joggers / Leggings / Shorts** as required
- **Black Sweater / Base Layer** as required
- **Suitable Trainers** (any colour)




Optional

Plain Black Shoes with a black sole and flat heel (trainers or Croc-style shoes are not permitted),



A plain black backpack big enough to carry A4 books / folders and equipment, including PE kit.



Essential

No false nails.
Light make-up only.
No hooped jewellery.
No smartwatches.
Only one studded nose piercing and one stud per ear.
No more than two bracelets.
No hoodies or cardigans.
No mobile phones to be seen or heard.