



17 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

### Uniform Requirements for September 2024

We are writing to inform you of some changes to [The Bulwell Academy Uniform Policy](#) for September 2024. We have made several changes to the policy, and we would like to take the opportunity to highlight the changes before the start of the next academic year.

Our aim is to write to parents early enough to give you time to purchase items in time for September 2024. *Please note that if you are ordering items from [Just Schoolwear](#), such as blazers, please order by 4 August for delivery in time for September.*

#### The expectations we wish to highlight for September 2024 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.

This year we have seen an increasing number of pupils choosing to wear extremely short skirts that were inappropriate in length. 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. Wearing false nails has led to pupils sustaining injuries, having had their nails ripped off inadvertently whilst in PE and around the school.
- **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 remain keen for pupils to be able to express themselves and have therefore permitted a studded earring and a nose stud. Hooped earrings are a health and safety risk in practical subjects and must not be worn.



**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 in what is a new era at The Bulwell Academy, we appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school wearing their uniform with pride. **Please see the last page 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](mailto:enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk)

Your sincerely

Mr Chapman  
Vice Principal



You can view our revised [2024-2025 Uniform Policy](#) on our Uniform page, where you will find lots of information on where to source affordable uniform or recycled uniform.

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

**UNIFORM 2024-2025**





# Uniform Expectations at THE BULWELL ACADEMY



**The Bulwell Academy Blazer**



**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.



- **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)



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



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.

**A bag big enough to carry A4 books/folders and equipment, including PE kit. *Equipment is not provided.***



Every year group has a different colour stripe on their tie. Please see the numbers above for reference. The colour of the stripe remains the same as students transition from one year to the next.