



BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGES: SEPTEMBER 2019

Frequently Asked Questions

We are providing further information in response to queries about our new school uniform. This includes the rationale behind the decision, cost and availability.

1. Why are we changing the uniform?

The governing body has identified a need for a new uniform as part of our drive to raise standards and develop a sense of pupil pride in being part of the school community. Additionally we believe a consistent uniform policy helps to reduce inequalities and promote equity amongst learners. We believe that a smart uniform is about far more than items of clothing: it represents the high aspirations and expectations that we have for all of our pupils.

2. Were parents consulted?

Members staff, the school council our governing body (GB) were consulted. Our GB consists of parent representatives as does our staff body.

3. Will the new uniform cost more than the current one?

No it doesn't need to. The school has looked at a variety of options for blazers, trousers and skirts. Blazers without badges can be bought from a various retailers such as Asda (age 11-18), Next and Sainsbury's (age 11-16) but school uniform suppliers in the local community will also stock badged blazers; the school does not have a contract with any of these however. Asda also sells suitable black jackets if larger sizes are needed, which are £20.00 and go up to size 50.

Below is a comparison of prices.

Current Uniform	New Uniform
Cardigan or jumper £14.00-£26.00	Blazers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Un-badged from Asda and Sainsbury's from £12.00-£14.00 or Next from £16.00.• Sew on school badges available from school @ £3.00• Badged blazers are available from AJM Embroidery, CC Sports or Jansan's. They vary in price but start from £22.00.
Black trousers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asda from £10.00 for 2 pairs• Sainsbury's from £9.00• M&S from £11.00 for 2 pairs	Grey trousers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asda from £10.00 for 2 pairs• Sainsbury's from £9.00• M&S from £11.00 for 2 pairs
Black Knee length Skirts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M&S from £10.00	Grey Knee length pleated skirts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M&S from £10.00• Asda from £6.00



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Examples of these blazers, trousers and skirts are illustrated on the school website.

4. Are the new items of uniform widely available?

Yes they are available, both online and in store, from a wider range of suppliers than our current uniform. Asda, Sainsbury's, M&S, Matalan and Next all supply a range of suitable uniform. Suppliers in the local community include CC Sports, AJM Embroidery and Jansan's.

5. Are the blazers dry clean only?

All blazers mentioned above are machine washable.

6. Why has the school chosen a knee length pleated skirt?

We have chosen a grey pleated skirt because the current skirts worn by nearly all girls are too short and not appropriate for school.

7. Can girls still wear trousers?

Yes they can.

8. What colour grey is acceptable?

Any colour grey is acceptable.

9. Who should I speak to if I have concerns about my child's ability to wear part of the new uniform, for example a blazer?

Mrs A Williams, Learning Support Manager, Mrs Griffiths, Assistant Headteacher, or Mrs Wilkie can be contacted.

10. When is the new uniform being introduced?

It is being introduced from 1 September 2019.

11. What school shoes are acceptable?

Leather or leather look shoes are acceptable but not trainers or daps. Leather or leather look Converse shoes such as those below are also acceptable.

