

THE BRITISH SCHOOLS



Founded 1908

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The Mission of The British Schools' community is to:

- Form self-confident, creative, inquiring, discerning, fully bilingual students who will strive to develop their talents to the best of their abilities.
- Strive for the highest standards, providing the educational environment and infrastructure to help students to achieve excellence according to their potential in academics, arts and sports, while recognising individual differences and needs.
- Instil the importance of all human values (including moral, aesthetic, spiritual and social) in all aspects of personal growth and physical development.
- Encourage and promote a sense of belonging, a deep-rooted pride and affection for the School as an Institution, its traditions, School Spirit and institutional memory.
- Instil in students the finest aspects of Uruguayan and British values and culture, such as a sense of justice, self-discipline, tolerance and civility, while also offering them the best possible preparation for life in an intercultural setting within a global community.
- Develop in students a sense of profound empathy and an awareness of their responsibility to their community and the need to use their gifts and experience for the good of the world.

Introduction

There are important phrases in our Mission Statement, explaining the purpose of school uniform. When we say, *'Encourage and promote a sense of belonging, a deep-rooted pride and affection for the School as an Institution, its traditions, School Spirit and institutional memory'*, we believe that one way The British Schools strives to promote a sense of self-respect, ownership and identity is through its uniform. It allows students to feel that they are proud of being a part of the School. Our uniform enhances this feeling of belonging.

The Role of Parents

The role of parents is crucial and we expect parents to support the uniform policy. Parents sign agreement to this effect in the Rules and Regulations when they enter the School. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that the uniform is clean and in good repair. Parents must also ensure their children come to School with the correct appearance. Details are set out below.

The Role of Teachers

Teachers make sure students are correctly dressed for their lessons. If students are incorrectly dressed, the teacher will inform the Head of Year, who will contact the family.

Appearance

Jewellery

We do not allow visible piercings. When girls wear earrings, the piece of jewelry can be no more than 2cm in length or diameter.

Nail Varnish

Coloured nail varnish is not permitted.

Hair

The School does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts, nor does it allow dyed hair. Boys should wear their hair above the collar. Boys must be clean shaven. In Junior, girls should tie their hair back at all times.

Responsibility for valuables

If a student brings a mobile phone, computer, calculator or any electronic item, the School cannot accept responsibility if that item goes missing. If a student brings any of these items ringing to School, the care of these items is their responsibility.

Students should take particular care with valuable items, and students in Senior should leave valuables in their lockers, with the doors locked. In Junior, students are discouraged to bring anything of value to School.

School Uniform

Every article must have the owner's name marked on it.

If any student arrives dressed incorrectly, they will be asked to correct their uniform or appearance before entering School.

If a student has a temporary problem with an item of uniform, a note must be brought signed by parents. This note is valid for a maximum of three days.

If there are repeated infringements, then the students will face further consequences, such as a detention.

JUNIOR:

Early Years (Pre-Kinder, Kinder, Prep)

Winter

Dark green jacket with School badge.

Dark green tracksuit with School badge.

Long-sleeved polo shirt, with School badge.

Dark green skort (girls)/Dark green short (boys).

White socks.

All students in the Early Years must have a red overall with School badge, for Art classes.

Plain white tennis-shoes.

Summer

Same, apart from short-sleeved polo shirt, with School badge.

School sunhat.

Year 1 to Year 6

Winter

All:

Dark green, single breasted blazer, with the School badge.

White long-sleeved shirt, pointed collar, always buttoned.

Dark green Pullover or Cardigan, "V" neck, wool in jersey stitch only.

Dark green school tie.

Dark green, pleated jumper, classic model with belt (girls), Y1 to Y4, short or long grey trousers, Y5 & Y6, long grey trousers (boys).

Grey socks (boys), Dark green socks, knee length (girls).

Plain black leather shoes.

Summer

Same, apart from short-sleeved polo shirt, with School badge instead of white shirt and tie.

SENIOR:

Y7 to Y10

Winter

Dark green, single breasted blazer, with the School badge.

White long-sleeve shirt, pointed collar, always buttoned.

Dark green Pullover or cardigan "V" neck, wool in jersey stitch only.

Dark green school tie with red stripes.

Dark green, pleated skirt of a suitable length (girls).

Long grey trousers (boys).

Grey socks (boys), dark green socks, knee length (girls).
Plain black leather shoes.

Summer

Same, apart from short-sleeved polo shirt, with School badge instead of white shirt and tie.

Y11 & Y12L

Winter

Navy blue, single breasted blazer, with the School badge.
White long-sleeved shirt, pointed collar, always buttoned.
Navy blue school tie with red stripes.
Navy blue pullover or cardigan, "V" neck, wool in jersey stitch only.
Tartan, pleated skirt of a suitable length (girls).
Long grey trousers (boys).
Navy blue socks, knee length (girls), grey socks (boys).
Plain black leather shoes.

Summer

Same, apart from short-sleeved polo shirt, with School badge instead of white shirt and tie.

Optional items:

The use of jackets is optional, but only green School jackets are permitted inside School. If a student wears another jacket to School, they will be asked to remove it once they enter the premises.
Girls may wear tights which must be skin coloured (Senior only), green (Y1 to Y4) or blue (Y5 and Y6).
Green school neck warmers maybe worn.
School sunhat.

School Trips

Unless informed otherwise beforehand, students wear the appropriate School uniform for all visits where they leave the School.

Non-Uniform Days

When there are non-uniform days, students will be expected to wear appropriate clothing. If there is a theme to the day, such as wearing a certain colour, students will be informed beforehand.

PE/SPORT

PE

The PE uniform is listed below, but if a student has PE and arrives in their PE clothes, they must wear the green tracksuit trousers in the classroom.

Early Years

As School uniform.

Year 1 to Y10

Tennis shoes, preferably white.
White shorts with School badge.
White socks.
School T-shirt.
Dark green tracksuit with School badge.

School caps are optional but recommended in hot weather.
Swimsuits, swimming hats and towels are needed for swimming.
House t-shirts must be used for Interhouse events.

Sport

For practices, students must wear appropriate sports clothing, but there is no uniform.
For matches, students must be wearing the correct School uniform.
Students not wearing the correct clothing, or using the correct equipment, will not be allowed to play in

inter school matches or take part in practices.

Girls:

Tennis shoes or synthetic hockey shoes.

Green socks.

Green hockey skirt (hockey) or white PE shorts (other sports).

Green hockey shirt or white PE shirt.

Hockey stick.

The use of a mouthguard and shin-pads are compulsory for both hockey matches and training. Students will not be allowed to take part in matches or training if they do not have mouthguards or shin-pads.

Boys

Tennis shoes or rugby or football shoes. No metal studs are allowed for football shoes in Junior.

Green socks.

White PE shorts.

Green rugby shirt, white School football shirt with green stripe or white PE shirt.

The use of a mouthguard is compulsory in Junior for both rugby matches and training. It is highly recommended in Senior, but not compulsory.

The use of shin-pads is compulsory for both football matches and training.

Students will not be allowed to take part in matches or training if they do not have the relevant mouthguards or shin pads.

Students not wearing the correct clothing will not be allowed to play in inter school matches.

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