



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Backwell School New Uniform

We are delighted to announce the arrival of our new uniform items in school. These are on display in reception and can also be viewed on our website: www.backwellschool.net.

For your convenience, please find attached the new rules regarding uniform – these are, of course, also available on the website. We will be working to ensure that all students, staff and parents are clear on these new rules; if any details are unclear, we invite you to contact the school so that we can amend or clarify if necessary. You will also be able to view examples of appropriate (and inappropriate) uniform on our website.

All students from September 2016

Following the review, there are new rules for **all** students, regardless of whether they change to the new uniform in September 2016, which we would draw to your attention. **These include changes to outerwear and footwear:**

- **Coats:** Any sensible, weatherproof coat, which should be predominantly one colour. No denim or leather jackets or hooded sweatshirts. Fluorescent bands or strips are encouraged to be worn for road safety purposes. **We do not allow hoodies, zip-up sweatshirts or jumpers (other than school jumpers) as a replacement for a coat.** Please note this will include hoodies purchased in school. They will not be allowed to be worn around the school site.
- **Shoes:** Sensible, plain black, flat shoes of a design that can be polished. Trainers and canvas shoes are **not permitted**. No boots. No high heels.

The new uniform will be worn by all new Year 7 students and any other students who are ready for new items. There will be limited stock of the old style uniform for those parents/carers who would prefer for their child to wear out their old uniform.

All students from September 2017

As we have previously made clear, we expect all new Year 7 students joining us from September 2016 to wear the new style uniform, but existing students may continue to wear their old uniform until July 2017. This will give them the chance, should they wish, to wear out their current clothing! However, 'mixing and matching' old and new uniforms will not be allowed. By September 2017, all students will be expected to wear the new uniform.

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Sizing and retail days

Our suppliers, Price and Buckland, have a convenient and successful process for ensuring that all students have well-fitting uniform. All students in Years 7 to 10 will be 'sized' for the new uniform on either Wednesday, 4 May or Thursday, 5 May. Following this opportunity to try on uniform items, students will be given an order form with details regarding their size. This will provide you with the relevant information should you wish to order on-line or attend one of the retail days – further details of retail days will follow. On those days parents will be able to purchase all items required, including PE kit.

Throughout the year there remains the option to buy online. Backwell School has its own website with Price and Buckland: www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/backwellschool. Once you follow the link, you will need to register your details, which will then give you full access to all of our school uniform. If you are unsure of the sizes that you require, there are detailed sizing charts available online. Delivery of your uniform can be made either to school or to a personal address of your choice. The free delivery service to school is available for collection twice a month. Please see your parent information pack for more details regarding delivery and returns.

If you do not have access to a computer, please give the customer services team at Price and Buckland a call on 0115 964 0827 and they will deal with your query promptly.

Many thanks for your continued support of our school uniform policy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Baldwin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

J Baldwin
Headteacher