



The Barlow RC High School & Specialist Science College

"If you believe you can achieve!"

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - HIGH STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS - SUCCESSFUL, SAFE, HAPPY STUDENTS

14th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the academic year approaches its final few weeks, this letter is a reminder of our standards and expectations around uniform and equipment.

Uniform requirements

All pupils are expected to wear:

- Maroon blazer with The Barlow logo/crest (Y7-10).
- Black jumper with The Barlow logo/crest (Y11 only).
- White shirt/blouse with stiff collar, tucked in.
- School tie.
- Maroon V-neck jumper with logo/crest. THIS IS OPTIONAL FOR YEARS 7-10.
- Black tailored trousers. (Boys).
- Knee length pleated or skater style skirt with opaque tights OR black tailored school trousers and plain black socks (no frills). (Girls).
- Plain black shoes – the shoes must be of leather or leather look material. Trainers and boots are not acceptable, nor is canvas footwear. Shoes should not have a brand logo visible.
- In half-term 6 girls are permitted to wear plain black knee length socks (no bows).

Please note: black jeans/corduroy or tight-fitting leggings/jegging style are not permitted.

Jewellery and Make-up

For reasons of health and safety we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in our school. Pupils are not allowed piercings in their ears, nose or mouth and Pupils are not permitted to wear a retainer for these. Make-up is not permitted. Acrylic nails are not allowed in school, neither is the wearing of nail varnish. Nails should be kept to a sensible length. Eyelash enhancements and fake tan are not permitted in school. If contact lenses are worn they are to be clear and functional, not coloured/a fashion item.

Hair

We recognise that there will be a variety of hairstyles worn by pupils. Whilst remaining tolerant of most hairstyles, we will treat as a breach of the school's Uniform and Hair Policy haircuts that are extreme - haircuts where patterns, stripes or letters have been cut into a pupil's hair; or hair that is dyed in bright or unnatural colours.

Hair must be one colour and the colour **must be natural**. Afro hairstyles, braids, locks, twists, cornrows, plaits, skin fades, head coverings including religious based head coverings and African heritage head wraps are allowed where these are being worn on racial or religious grounds. **Braids must be natural in colour - they must be one colour which is as close as possible to a pupil's natural hair colour or two colours of very similar shading which are also as close as possible to a pupil's natural hair colour.**



We will always take into account our duties and obligations under the Equality Act 2010 in the application of our school policies. Exemptions to the school's Uniform and Hairstyle policy will therefore be made where it is considered appropriate and necessary in order to comply with equality law. This might for example include cases where a hairstyle is part of a pupil's cultural, racial or religious identity or where an exception to the school's policy is required as a reasonable adjustment for a pupil with a disability.

From September, pupils will not be required to tie long hair back unless it is deemed necessary for health and/or safety reasons, for example when pupils are participating in a practical, science or sports activity.

Outdoor Coats & Hoodies

Pupils are forbidden to wear hoodies, track suit tops, sport jackets or body warmers in and around school. Outdoor coats **MUST BE PLAIN AND A DARK COLOUR**. Pupils are not permitted to wear light coloured coats e.g. white/yellow; nor coats that are of an inappropriate material, e.g. fur / denim / leather. **From September, coats will not be allowed to be worn in the school building.**

Behaviour and Standards

A reminder that we have five basic expectations for all our pupils:

- Be here every day
- Be on time to school and lessons
- Be dressed correctly
- Behave well
- Work hard

Our school values of serve, pray, achieve and respect are at the forefront of all we do. Staff and pupils are expected to be caring, compassionate and kind to one another.

Equipment

We also expect all pupils to be prepared for school and have the right equipment. Pupils should bring a school bag with a pencil case. They should have a pen(s), pencil(s), ruler, eraser, a journal and their PE kit for days on those days when they have PE. Pupils should also have a reading book.

Pastoral Team 2023-2024

Finally, there are some changes to our Pastoral Team from September. Mrs Lutman will be moving into the post of Curriculum Leader of Religious Education next academic year and Miss Isaac is leaving us to take up a post as teacher of mathematics at a school in Warrington. Therefore, please see information regarding your child's Head of Year below.

The Pastoral Team work incredibly hard and do an excellent job of looking after pupils. We are delighted to have Miss Hayes and Miss Greaves who are both talented and committed individuals joining this team. We are sure that you will support them in caring for your child.

Year Group	Head of Year
7	Miss L. Hayes
8	Miss D. Greaves
9	Miss L. Seggie
10	Mr R. Anderson-Fitter
11	Mrs C. Sutton

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their ongoing support of our school community this year and wish you all a lovely summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Wednesday, 6th September. **Please note: Year 7 at 8.30am and Years 8-11 at 11.15am.**

Yours sincerely,



Mr L Pickerill
Senior Assistant Headteacher





Acceptable Skirts / Trousers

A knee length pleated skirt:



Or a knee length skater/swing skirt:



Black tailored trousers:



NO black jeans / corduroy for tight fitting leggings/jegging style trousers:

