

*These pages are an extract from the General Information booklet for Parents (**Prep School** version). The full booklet is available to view/download from the website under the "Current Parents" section, or alternatively as hard copy for the School Office.*

D UNIFORM - Prep School

D-1 An Overview

Birkdale has a very good reputation for the appearance of its pupils. Uniform at Birkdale is intended to be distinctive, but of a straightforward design, with a careful balance being maintained between quality and economy.

Clear guidance on uniform exists as shown below, and parents are encouraged to support the school by ensuring pupils at every age have the right garments and that they wear them neatly. Correct school uniform should be worn at school and in public places.

We hope that the descriptions below are clear, but if there is any doubt parents should seek guidance from the School. Your full co-operation in complying with this list will be greatly appreciated, as it is often the loose interpretations and "marginal" fashions which cause the greatest problems with overall appearance and tidiness.

Hair styles should be neat and tidy, free from extremes and above the collar.

The spirit of the above also applies to other aspects of personal presentation.

D-2 The School Shop (including arrangement for payment of purchases)

The School Shop is situated in the Oakholme Building at the Senior School, and access is via the Main Entrance on Oakholme Road. It is open Monday – Friday during term-time from 12.45 pm – 4.45 pm. During the summer holiday period there is some additional opening, details of which may be obtained from the shop. The direct telephone number of the shop is: 0114 229 6611. The following lists show in **bold** items which can only be purchased from this source. Those items in *italics* may be purchased from the School Shop or from elsewhere. We hope that this is helpful.

Purchases may either be charged to the parental billing account or paid for at the time of purchase. If the latter then please note that we are unable to accept payment by debit or credit card and that for security and insurance reasons we are unable to accept cash; i.e. payment at the time of purchase may only be by cheque.

D-3 Second Hand Uniform

Occasional sales of second hand uniform are held in aid of the School Charity. The School Office will be able to supply you with details.

D-4 Naming of Items

All pupils must have all their garments (including underclothing) clearly marked with name tapes to reduce loss and discourage indiscriminate borrowing. Shoes should be marked with a name tape attached with a special adhesive or with a permanent marker.

D-5 Prep and Pre-Prep Uniform List

Key:

Items in bold

- are **only obtainable** from the School Shop

Items in italics

- *may be obtained from the School Shop*

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- the School Shop now only carries a limited range of sizes

	Prep-Prep Department PP1 – PP3 (Reception – Y2)	Prep Department P1 – P4 (Y3-Y6)
A <u>Items for normal school wear:</u>		
• School Blazer	√	√
• School Tie	√	√
• School Grey Socks	√	√
• School Pullover	√	√
• <i>*Shirt, white</i>	√	√**
• <i>Short Trousers, grey</i>	√	√
• <i>Raincoat or anorak, navy blue</i>	√	√**
• Shoes: plain black leather	√	√**
B <u>Other required items</u>		
• School Book Carrier	√	
• Good News Bible		√**
• <i>Shoe bag</i>	√	√
• <i>Garters</i>	√	√
C <u>Sportswear:</u>		
• School Polo Shirt	√	√**
• School Sweatshirt and Joggers	√ (PP1/PP2 only)	
• School Tracksuit		√**
• <i>Shorts, white</i>	√	√**
• Gym shoes	√	
• Gym or training shoes (non marking soles)		√**
• Swimming trunks	√ (PP1/PP2 only)	√**
• Towel (to use after PE, rugby/soccer / swimming)	√	√**
<u>For Rugby/Soccer (Christmas/Easter Term)</u>		
• School Colours Shirt (reversible)		√**
• Rugby Shorts, navy blue, draw-string waist		√**
• School Colours Socks		√**
• Football/rugby boots		√**
<u>For Cricket:</u>		
• White sweater		† - see below
• Long white trousers		† - see below
• White socks		† - see below
• Cricket boots		† - see below

† needed only by boys selected for school matches

√** these items are also worn in the Senior School when boys move on from P4 to S1