

Birkdale School Uniform

Birkdale has a good reputation for the appearance of its pupils. Uniform at Birkdale is intended to be distinctive, but of a straightforward design.

Clear guidance on uniform is below, and parents are asked to support the school by ensuring that pupils have the right garments and that they wear them neatly. Pupils should normally be in uniform on arrival and departure from school, and for all school activities. Hair styles should be neat and tidy, free from extremes, and above the collar for boys.

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

If you require any assistance, please contact the relevant School Office in term-time, or the Bursar's section in the holiday period.

Prep School:	prepschool@birkdalschool.org.uk	0114 267 0407
Senior School:	enquiries@birkdalschool.org.uk	0114 266 8408
Bursar's Department:	accounts@birkdalschool.org.uk	0114 266 8400

All these details are available for reference on the Birkdale website: www.birkdalschool.org.uk

Where do I purchase Birkdale uniform?

Uniform lists for the relevant sections of the school appear on the following pages, together with details of suppliers.

- www.johnlewis.com
Select Baby & Child, Uniform by School, North East England, then our logo.

This is an online ordering service. You can visit the Sheffield John Lewis store, to take advantage of a sizing service (in the first floor Children's Department). They will have samples of all sizes available to try on. Orders can then be placed in store or online for home delivery or click and collect.

- www.tacklebag.co.uk
Some items of Games Kit are supplied by Tacklebag, which is an online ordering service.

Prep School: Prep and Pre-Prep Uniform

Pre-Prep PP1 – PP3	Prep P1 – P4
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Compulsory from John Lewis

▪ School Blazer	✓	✓
▪ School Pullover	✓	✓
▪ School Tie <i>with</i> Velcro fastening	✓	
▪ School Tie <i>not</i> Velcro fastening		✓
▪ School Grey Socks: red/blue turnover top	✓	✓
▪ White Polo Shirt with school crest , for PE and summer sports	✓	✓
▪ Birkdale Shoe bag, navy	✓	✓
▪ Garters	✓	✓
▪ School Book Bag	✓	
▪ School Sweatshirt & Joggers : navy	✓	
▪ School Raincoat, navy	✓	✓

Further Compulsory items

(Most are also available via John Lewis, but can be bought elsewhere)

▪ Short Trousers, Grey (Bermuda length)	✓	✓
▪ Shirt: white, short sleeved	✓	
▪ Shirt: white, short or long sleeved (short is advised)		✓
▪ Shoes: plain black leather (not boots or trainers)	✓	✓
▪ Shorts, white (plain with no logos/branding) - for PE/Summer Games	✓	✓
▪ Gym shoes/Plimsolls	✓	
▪ Gym or training shoes (non-marking soles) - for Sports		✓
▪ Swimming Trunks (not Bermuda or baggy please)	✓	✓
▪ Towel (to use after PE, rugby/soccer /swimming)	✓	✓
▪ Football/rugby boots – Christmas/Easter terms		✓

Compulsory from Tacklebag: P1-P4 only

▪ Waterproof Top	✓
▪ Stadium Pants: (tracksuit bottoms)	✓
▪ Reversible Jersey	✓
▪ Rugby Shorts: navy blue	✓
▪ School Colours Sports Socks	✓
Tacklebag also offer a range of <i>optional</i> items: Baselayer (top/leggings) / Hoody / Beanie Hat / Sports Bag	

Other items : P1– P4 only

▪ Cricket whites (shirt / sweater / long trousers) are compulsory for boys selected for school matches. <i>Available via Tacklebag with the school logo and John Lewis, but can be bought elsewhere</i>
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Senior School: S1 – S5

Compulsory from John Lewis

- School Blazer
- School Tie
- White Polo Shirt with school crest (for PE and summer sports)

Further Compulsory items

Most are also available via John Lewis, but can be bought elsewhere

- Shirt: white, long or short sleeved
- Trousers, black
- Pullover: V-neck, plain black (*Optional* item)
- Socks: black
- Coat: plain and single colour
- Shoes: plain black leather (not boots or trainers)
- Shorts, white (plain, no visible logos or brand names) - for PE/Summer Games
- Socks, white – for PE / Summer Games
- Gym or training shoes (non-marking soles) – for Sports
- Football/rugby boots

Compulsory from Tacklebag

- Waterproof Top
- Stadium Pants: (tracksuit bottoms)
- Reversible Jersey
- Rugby Shorts: navy blue
- School Colours Sports Socks

Tacklebag also offer a range of optional items: Baselayer (top/leggings) / Hoody / Beanie Hat / Sports Bag

Other items

Available via John Lewis, but can be bought elsewhere

- Swimming trunks: Good notice is given by Sports staff if pupil will require these.
- Cricket whites (shirt / sweater / long trousers) are compulsory for boys selected for school matches.

Sixth Form Uniform

BOYS

Compulsory item from John Lewis

- School Tie

Further Compulsory items

Available from many High Street stores and elsewhere

- Suit: dark navy or black (*matching waistcoat, optional*)
- Shirt: plain white or light blue
- Shoes plain black leather (not boots or trainers)
- Pullover, plain v-neck, grey, blue or black (*optional item*)

Sportswear:

- Sixth Form pupils all take part in the Wednesday afternoon Games programme. Details of sports options will be provided in Induction Week, with guidance on the appropriate sportswear for each activity. (Further guidance is always available from the Director of Sport, who can be contacted via the school office.)
- Pupils who play for school teams will need the compulsory sports items listed in the Senior School S1-S5 lists.

GIRLS

Compulsory items: (no tie required for girls)

Available from many High Street stores and elsewhere

- Dark navy or black skirt which should be long enough to give a smart, professional appearance at all times, including when girls are sitting down or walking up stairs; the fabric should be of a cotton gabardine type, **not** stretch jersey. We believe that this will reinforce the smart, business-like appearance which we encourage amongst all the Sixth Form.
- Sixth Form pupils are able to wear the School blazer or a formal dark (plain navy or black) suit. As an alternative to skirts, girls may wear trousers. The same dress code applies for trousers as with the skirt: i.e. trousers must be either dark navy or black and match the jacket to form a trouser suit. Jeggings, leggings or jeans are not permitted as we are aiming to create a professional look, rather than a fashion image.
- Blouses should be plain white or light blue and loose fitting and undergarments should be the same colour as the blouse
- Dark plain knit jumpers (not hoodies or sweatshirts)
- Black, navy or neutral coloured tights or black or navy socks with trousers
- Plain black or navy blue leather low heeled shoes

Sportswear:

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- Pupils who play for school teams will be given guidance on the kit requirements.