

D UNIFORM

D-1 An Overview

Birkdale has a good reputation for the appearance of its pupils and we expect that pupils will wear their uniform with pride.

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. Pupils with long hair below the collar should wear this tied up with plain hair bands in the school colours of navy or red.
- No jewellery is permitted other than one pair of small plain stud earrings for pupils in Prep 1 and above. These will have to be removed for sport lessons. Nail varnish and make up are not permitted.
- Wearing watches is discouraged in school as they are regularly lost and have to be removed for sport and PE lessons. The wearing of Smart Watches is prohibited at all times.
- All pupils must have all their garments 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 or advice regarding school uniform, 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

Where do I purchase Birkdale uniform?

Birkdale's School Uniform and PE provider is Schoolblazer and the Games Kit supplier is Tacklebag. Details are below:

www.schoolblazer.com

Schoolblazer is the supplier of the school's uniform and PE kit. It offers a fully online ordering and delivery service. The website will take you through a step by step process to ensure sizing is accurate. They have a free returns policy. Schoolblazer have a name taping service whereby garments can be issued with your child's name sewn into items before dispatch. This will enable lost property to be returned to its owner as soon as possible. This will not affect returns. Schoolblazer also have a customer helpline tel. 0333 7000 703 if you have any individual questions regarding uniform that cannot be resolved via the website.

www.tacklebag.co.uk/schools/birkdale-school/

The games kit is supplied by Tacklebag, which is an online ordering service.

D-2 Second Hand Uniform

We have some items of pre-loved uniform and games kit. There is a dedicated email for enquiries which is sh-uniform@birkdaleschool.org.uk. We have regular sales of second hand uniform and sportswear which are held in aid of Friends of Birkdale School (FOBS) details will be sent out via BirkdalePost. Items of pre-loved school uniform or games kit no longer required can be donated to school via Reception.

D-3 Prep and Pre-Prep Uniform

We have the choice of two uniform options code X or Y parents can select which uniform code to follow. (Items cannot be mixed between codes, for example a reverse collar shirt and no tie Code Y cannot be worn with grey trousers from Code X.)

Uniform Code X (traditionally BOYS uniform)

	Pre-Prep PP1-PP3	Prep P1-P4
Compulsory Items from Schoolblazer		
● School Blazer (not required in Pre-Prep)		✓
● School Red Crested V Neck Jersey	✓	✓
● School Tie (not required in Pre-Prep)		✓
● School Mid Grey Trousers/Shorts (shorts recommended for summer term)	✓	✓
● School Navy Crested Sweatshirt & Joggers	✓	
● Pre-Prep White Crested Polo Shirt	✓	
● School Stormproof Raincoat *	✓	✓
● Navy PE Shorts (crested from P1 - also suitable for football)	✓	✓
● Performance Prep PE Top (also to be used as cricket shirt)		✓
● Book bags (required up to Prep 1 not for Prep 2 and above)	✓	✓

* We have some stock of the previous JLP raincoat which is of a very similar design to the new style and is available in some sizes at reduced cost from sh-uniform@birkdaleschool.org.uk.

Further Compulsory Items (Some items are available from Schoolblazer but can be purchased elsewhere)

● Grey ankle socks	✓	✓
● Shirt: white, short or long sleeved (short is advised)	✓	✓
● Shoes: plain black leather (not boots or trainers)	✓	✓
● Gym shoes/Plimsolls	✓	
● Shoe Bag – navy	✓	✓
● Gym or training shoes (non-marking soles) - for Games		✓
● Navy Swimming Trunks (not Bermuda or baggy please)	✓	✓
● Towel (to use after PE, Rugby/Soccer/Swimming)	✓	✓
● Football/Rugby boots – Christmas/Easter terms		✓

Compulsory Items from Tacklebag: P1-P4 only

● Waterproof Top		✓
● Tapered Pant (tracksuit bottoms)		✓
● Reversible Jersey Shirt		✓
● Rugby Shorts: navy blue		✓
● School Colours Sports Socks		✓
Tacklebag also offer a range of <i>optional</i> items: Base layer (top/leggings)/Hoody/Beanie Hat/Sports Bag		

Uniform Code Y (traditionally GIRLS Uniform)

	Pre-Prep PP1-PP3	Prep P1-P4
Compulsory Items from Schoolblazer		
● School Blazer (not required for Pre Prep)		✓
● School Red Crested Cardigan	✓	
● School Red Crested V Neck Jersey (or Crested Cardigan if preferred)		✓
● School Pinafore* or Navy Trousers / Shorts (worn with ankle socks)	✓	
● School Skirt* or Navy Trousers / Shorts		✓
● School Navy Crested Sweatshirt & Joggers	✓	
● Pre Prep White Crested Polo Shirt	✓	
● School Stormproof Raincoat**	✓	✓
● Navy PE Shorts or Navy cycling short (crested from P1)	✓	✓
● Performance Prep PE Top		✓
● Summer Dress (optional but recommended for Summer term)	✓	✓
● Book bags (required up to Prep 1 not for Prep 2 and above)	✓	✓

* Skirts must not be more than 2cm above the knee

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Further Compulsory Items (Some items are available from Schoolblazer but can be purchased elsewhere)

● White ankle socks (can be worn with either skirts or shorts/trousers)	✓	✓
● Red Tights (worn with pinafore only)	✓	
● Navy Tights (worn with skirts only)		✓
● Shirt: Revere collar white, short or long sleeved (short is advised)	✓	✓
● Shoes: plain black leather (not boots or trainers)	✓	✓
● Shoe Bag – navy	✓	✓
● Gym shoes/Plimsolls	✓	
● Gym or training shoes (non-marking soles) - for Sports		✓
● Navy swimming costume (not bikini)	✓	✓
● Towel (to use after PE, Rugby/Soccer/Swimming)	✓	✓
● Football/Rugby/Hockey boots – Christmas/Easter terms (as required)		✓
● Navy leotard (optional)	✓	

Compulsory Items from Tacklebag: P1-P4 only

● Waterproof Top (1/4 zip rain jacket, girls fit or boys fit - no zip if preferred)	✓
● Tapered Pant (tracksuit bottoms)	✓
● Navy Games Skort or Shorts	✓
● Games Polo Junior (girls fit)	✓
● School Colours Sports Socks	✓
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