



UNIFORM GUIDE 2023-24

Brooksbank students are smart and ready to learn.

Our uniform is designed to be smart, comfortable, affordable and practical. This guide sets out the rules and expectations we have around uniform and appearance in our school, and where to get your uniform.

We're proud of our students and hope they feel proud to represent The Brooksbank School, looking neat and presentable whether in school or around our local community.



OUR UNIFORM CODE

*The items marked with an asterisk can only be bought from our supplier SWI. All other items can be purchased from any uniform supplier but must fit the uniform code.

TIE*

NEW FOR 2023-24

We have colour coded ties for each year group. This year's ties look like this. Year groups keep the same colour tie as they move through school; you **do not** need a new one each year.



Ties are clip-on and must be attached to the very top of the shirt collar.

JUMPER*

NEW FOR 2023-24

Jumpers must be worn around school. These are navy v-necked with The Brooksbank School logo, which has been updated with the new logo for September 2023.

All new students must wear jumpers with the new logo. For years 8-11 we are phasing the old logo out; existing students do not need to go and replace all their jumpers. All new jumpers sold will have the new logo.



SHIRT

Sky blue school shirt, with either long or short sleeves. This should be tucked in with the collar buttoned to the neck to enable a clip on tie to be worn.

SKIRT OR TROUSERS

Trousers should be plain black, tailored, full length school trousers.

Skirts should be plain black, pleated school skirts, and should reach the knee.

Fashion styles are not acceptable. Trends vary from year to year so the following list is not exhaustive, but the following are **not** allowed:

- ✗ Leggings, skinny trousers
- ✗ Cropped trousers
- ✗ Jeans or jeans style trousers
- ✗ Very loose or baggy styles
- ✗ Fashion style skirts such as tube skirts or skater skirts
- ✗ Embellishments such as zip pockets, visible fashion labels
- ✗ If a belt is worn, it should be plain, black and fit for purpose, without a large buckle or embellishment.

SHOES

Footwear must be plain black, smart, school shoes, in leather or leather effect, with a low heel. Shoes should be practical, durable and suitable for a busy building with lots of stairs.

Please do not support excuses to wear anything other than plain smart shoes such as those shown opposite. The following are **not** allowed:

- ✗ Boots - ankle or otherwise
- ✗ Soft leather or canvas shoes / pumps
- ✗ High heels, open toes and very soft shoes are dangerous.
- ✗ Sports styles such as black trainers, Converse or Vans
- ✗ Logos or embellishments such as large buckles, coloured stitching, gemstones.

RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL DRESS

Religious dress such as turbans, patkas, hijabs or yarmulkes are allowed. These should be plain in style and either black, white, navy blue, pale blue or gold in line with the uniform colours. No jewellery is permitted due to safety reasons. If in doubt, please ask.

Examples of appropriate shoes



APPEARANCE

- ✗ No jewellery - apart from a plain wristwatch - is allowed in school for health and safety and security reasons.
- ✗ No smart watches.
- ✗ Make up is discouraged and only minimal, natural looking make up is allowed. If make up is judged to be excessive, students will be expected to remove it with a suitable cleanser kept in school. False eyelashes are not allowed.
- ✗ Nail extensions and coloured nail polish are not allowed.
- ✗ Hats and fashion accessories such as as baseball caps, sunglasses, large belts etc are not allowed.

HAIRSTYLE

Hair should be smart and natural.

- ✓ We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in natural and protective styles including afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows and fades. For hair fastenings, choose black, navy, sky blue or gold in line with school colours.
- ✓ Plain headbands and hair bobbles are allowed but should be in black, navy or closely toned to your hair.
- ✓ Hair colours should be natural.
- ✓ Long hair should be tied back for safety in certain lessons such as PE and Technology.
- ✗ No other hair accessories, such as flowers, ribbons or scarves, are allowed.
- ✗ No extremes of colour or fashion, for example razor tramlines, block colours.

OUR PE KIT

SHORT SLEEVE TRAINING TOP*

NEW FOR 2023-24

Navy blue training top with the new school badge. This is available in either a loose or fitted style.

Like with our jumpers, we are phasing in the new badge for year 8-11. New items sold will have the new logo, but existing tops do not need to be replaced.



LONG SLEEVE TRAINING TOP*

OPTIONAL

Two designs of long sleeve top are available: a navy and sky blue multi sport top, and a long sleeve navy zip top featuring the school badge. This is optional but recommended.

SHORTS

Plain navy blue sports shorts, in a loose style and mid thigh length.

- ✗ No visible branding or logos
- ✗ No closely fitted shorts or cycling shorts
- ✗ No long or very short lengths. Shorts should be mid thigh length.

LEGGINGS OR TRACKPANTS

OPTIONAL

Plain navy blue full length training leggings or trackpants, in a loose style and mid thigh length. Brooksbank branded versions* are available from SWI. Plain navy leggings or trousers from another uniform supplier are also allowed but they must be of a similar style.

- ✗ No visible branding or logos, or embellishments such as press studs
- ✗ Full length only, no cropped styles
- ✓ We recommend thick sports quality fabrics which are more durable.



KNEE HIGH SPORTS SOCKS

Plain navy knee high football socks.

TRAINERS AND FOOTBALL BOOTS

All students require suitable trainers for PE, which should be sturdy and supportive for safety.

✗ Fashion trainers, canvas sneakers such as Converse or PE pumps are not appropriate.

Students will also require football boots with plastic studs for the 3G pitch. They do not need to be high fashion or a named brand, a basic pair will suffice.

WHERE TO BUY UNIFORM

We know uniform can be expensive. That's why this year we have reduced the number of branded items in order to give families more choice of suppliers.

*Those items marked in this guide with an asterisk, such as ties, jumpers and PE tops are Brooksbank branded and can only be purchased from our official supplier, SWI.

All other plain items, such as shirts, trousers and shorts can be bought either from SWI or from another uniform supplier. Please be careful to ensure that you choose appropriate items which meet the requirements in this uniform code and avoid the expense of having to replace them.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT UNIFORM?

We check uniform every day. If students do not have the correct uniform, we have a number of loan items. We will contact parents/carers and require a replacement to be found as quickly as possible.

Please see the uniform section on our website for more information:
www.bbs.calderdale.sch.uk

OFFICIAL SUPPLIER

SWI®

SWI is the only place to buy new items with the official Brooksbank logo is SWI.

Shop online at swischoolwear.co.uk or call 01928 752610 and specify 'Brooksbank School'.

HALIFAX YMCA

Donate outgrown items or pick up gently used second hand uniform for free from Halifax YMCA. Their fantastic school uniform service has helped hundreds of families with the cost of uniform. For opening times, visit www.halifaxymca.org.uk/school-uniform



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