

UNIFORM CONSULTATION PARENT SURVEY

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Q1	How affordable is the current uniform for you?
Affordable	24 (41%)
Expensive	5 (9%)
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can't afford school logo uniform, I buy from Asda or Tesco • It's ok. The postage is a pain when you don't always need a large order • It would be quite expensive if I were to buy everything branded. We just have the tie and a jumper that is branded, quite often she will wear just a green cardigan that we got from sainsburys • The jumpers are quite expensive but we find the charity shop tend to have a good stock! Maybe swop shop at school might help funds to the BFG and gives parents the ability to hand them in when the children grown out of them • More expensive than I expected. Would only buy jumper. Everything else from supermarket or second hand • I think it's very good value for money, I buy the jumpers and cardigans via brigade and the reast via mainstream supermarkets • I brought the logo jumper/cardi and the rest from tu (sainsburys) • School uniform is always an expensive outlay, particularly in respect of shoes. I find the flexibility of allowing non branded options a cheaper option than could have been applied. • I tend to get the cheaper jumpers, cardigans and polos as mine lose them constantly, couldn't afford to keep buying the logo ones if they get lost. • The jumpers are expensive to supermarkets own.

Q2	Are any of our listed items unreasonably expensive? If so, please list.
No	22 (38%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ties seem like an unnecessary expense, especially when shirts cost so much more than polos • Logo jumper • Branded jumpers are quite high • Shoes • Logo items tend to add up quickly.... • Embroidered jumpers • Branded jumpers and other merchandise • All school logo items • I buy from supermarket or internet • Jumpers

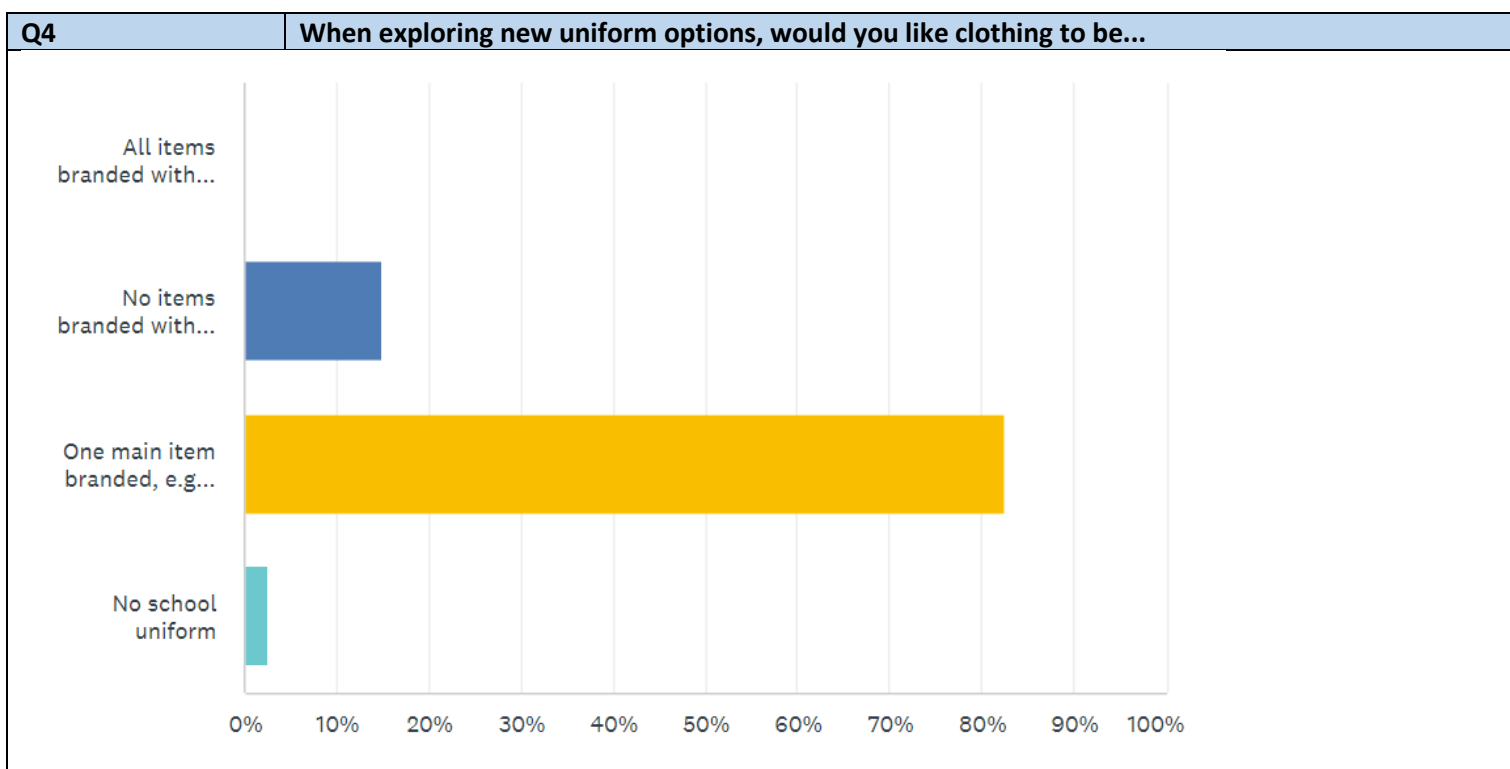
Q3	Does your child find any items of our uniform uncomfortable to wear, or tricky to dress in? If so, please provide details.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tie • Prefer polos • Doesn't like shirts trousers are uncomfortable school shoes are too chunky • Shirts can be difficult to button • My son is in XX and is allowed to wear polo shirt rather than a formal shirt. A 'shirt' would be much less comfortable and harder to manage. Formal trousers are not unacceptable but worth mentioning how difficult it is to find formal trousers to fit children with variable heights/waist sizes-these always require tailoring • Shirts top button sometimes tricky • Dislikes wearing a shirt and tie

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- Shirts were a bit tricky but now you can buy very reasonably priced easy on shirts with Velcro at the top so no need to struggle with top buttons anymore
- Not now. In reception, the buttons on shirts were time consuming
- Shirts, the fit on shirts aren't great either
- Shirt collars are uncomfortable for them
- Hates buttons but I realise this isn't a problem for everyone. Thinks the jumpers are snugly and great
- Hard to get hold of coloured PE polo shirts
- The tie is a bit annoying
- I think the tie for little ones means buttoning up their shirts which are then quite tight in the neck area
- Tie is not popular
- Always wears a polo shirt as long sleeved shirt and tie is too formal and uncomfortable
- Sometimes shirt buttons
- White shirt, polo tops would be better to wear all year round. Coloured polo tops as an option (Green or yellow)
- The ties
- Shirt
- Tie
- Shirts. Much prefer polos
- The shirt buttons are tricky to do up and the collars are uncomfortable
- She struggles to do up her buttons on her shirt and doesn't love wearing her tie



Q5	Which items of our school uniform do you find easiest to launder?
12 (20%)	Jumper
2 (4%)	Polo t-shirts
3 (5%)	Trousers
2 (4%)	Skirts

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2 (4%)	Summer dresses
25 (43%)	Everything

Q6	Is there anything you would like to see in a new uniform?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a white polo shirt as they are hard to keep clean-maybe a darker colour. No shirts just polos all year round • Relaxed rules and flexibility. Studies have proven that uniforms do not enhance any aspect of school identity from a child's point of view under the age of 13. Even cheap supermarket uniform has become borderline unaffordable circa £150 a year for a child. Children in primary should be free to express themselves, it improves mental health and increases their own self-identity and worth • Polo shirts all year • Hoody • Change to colour of polos, white polo shirts and shirts are a nightmare to keep clean • Polo shirts all year round as they are comfortable. Wouldn't even mind paying for logo ones • No, the current uniform is nice • Although white polo shirts in the summer look smart, after a day in school they end up covered in sun cream, pen, paint and alike. They don't stay brilliant white for long. During really hot summer days, perhaps instead of wearing heavy black leather school shoes (which are great for all other times) the children could wear something a bit more comfortable on their feet to allow their feet to breathe. • Keep it smart but casual with polos being allowed all year round • I think it looks much smarter when the children are in the same coloured sweatshirts/cardigans with the school logo. A smarter dress achieves higher expectation • Many items being the same as or optionally the same as the old uniform so they can be reused • A colourful logo to represent the vibrancy of the school and all the colours of life! Life is too short to live in one colour! I think a logo helps with pride and identity. Maybe you could have an iron on badge or similar if the majority vote for shop bought jumpers and cardigans • No shirts, no white items mess too easily • Option of leggings • Not in particular, just comfortable and good value • XXX says no buttons please • Maybe have polo t-shirt in a colour as white stains too easily • Options of hoody/fleece • Hoody and maybe eliminate shirts and just used polo shirts • Shorts for girls under summer dresses. Coloured polo tops in the summer (green) • No tie

Q7	What would make life easier for you as parents with a new uniform? This will help us to consider different options.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not colour co-ordinated PE tops so could inexpensively buy more than one • NO white please • Get rid of the ties • All dark colours so can put in one wash • Keeping the existing uniform to avoid buying new items since hand me downs will no longer work • Polo shirts instead of formal shirts/blouses • Just polos all year, no seasonal change in uniform • Uniform permanently available to buy from the school • Polo shirts • Uniforms with no school logo as it's a cheaper option

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- I like the flexibility of wearing a tracksuit on PE/Sports club days
- Coloured polo shirts and jumpers all year round would be great, so no shirts and tie
- I am happy with the uniform-only thing I'd prefer is polo shirt all year round. More comfy for the kids and cheaper to buy as can buy packs from the supermarket
- My primary concern with uniform is that the kids are comfortable. I can't see how being restricted and uncomfortable is conducive to learning. Cost and availability would be next.
- I think the current uniform is a nice balance between smart, but also comfortable for the children
- All is easy now and accessible from many shops ranging in price
- I don't feel there is anything wrong with the uniform other than the shirts but that is mainly down to the sizing and buttons
- Nothing really
- Not being obliged to buy new uniform immediately. Lots of generic items available
- Cotton-sensitive skin. Although this doesn't matter so much if just a jumper on top of another layer. Something lower cost with good eco credentials if this is even possible!
- No white items-too easily stained
- Black leggings
- Maybe polo shirts over full button down shirts
- No formal shirt and tie-polo shirt would be easier and more comfortable
- Coloured polos for school
- Cheapness and easy colours to source and no white
- Easy to get hold of colours
- No shirts
- Don't change it parents don't need the extra cost
- No shirts just polo shirts
- Keep the same colour. Green. And the white polos.
- Keeping the same main colours
- Easy to purchase, e.g. in school or from a shop not online. Non iron!
- Keep PE kit at school

Q8 Do you have any ideas for our revamped, new logo for BPS which captures the ethos of the school? Feel free to send any drawings in with your children.

- Rainbow?
- I think it should include bright rainbow colours as that's what I associate with BPS
- Books and reading, happy faces
- XXX says a book, and some writing
- Shield shaped?
- Something to include not only the ethos of the school but also Berkeley. Currently the castle. I think it's important to keep the Berkeley town identity too and celebrate the historic location
- Ensure the Berkeley colours are retained
- Rainbow on the badge
- We discussed the strong ethos of being kind and friendships. XXX suggested rainbows and holding hands
- Will get the children to do designs
- I am currently helping them design logo ideas. LOL
- I don't personally but will get XXX and XXX to have a think re logo
- Surely it's got to be something to do with a rainbow? The castle is a nice thing to have in Berkeley, but nowhere near as impressive as Edward's Jenner's achievements, so if referencing local stuff, my preference would be that and/or the amazing river

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- Maybe a logo with a rainbow. It's been a staple of the school and would reflect the last few years and how even in the toughest of times, the school will endure
- Nothing political, eg. No rainbows
- Rainbows, kids wellbeing
- Happy with existing logo
- What's wrong with the current logo?
- XXX said you are talking about losing the bell, I'd argue it has significant historical value and definitely should not be lost

Q9	Do you have any preference on the colour of uniform?
No preference	22 (38%)
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the green • Stick with green as it's been green throughout history! • I like the bottle green • I love the green colour • Happy with existing school colours • I like the traditional BPS uniform, looks really smart. I wore the same so would be a shame to see it go. • I like green! I would worry that if the colour was changed, it would be because there might be a more 'exciting' option that the kids liked but in reality that might be a bit much. • I like the bottle green as it represents Berkeley castle • I personally like the green as it represents Berkeley and matched the Berkeley estate • Keep the green it's part of BPS history and identity • The green is nice, but maybe a different colour logo to match better. White?
Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy or royal blue with a rainbow coloured logo would look great • If it was changed, then a smart navy jumper with sky blue shirts/polos. These would be more practical colours and also light enough polo shirt colour in the summer. • Blue or yellow • XXX says blue • blue or grey • Dark colour like a dark blue so doesn't show up dirt? • Blue would be nice • Navy would be my preference • Navy or Red • Navy would look smart and not show up dirt
Grey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey or purple • Black or grey • Grey might look classy! • Dark grey? Easy to wash? Maybe with a navy polo?
Purple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey or purple • Purple please! • Purple to match with Jesters! • Purple would be nice!
Pink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We don't hate the green but XXXX would like Pink so...
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not white • No preference other than please don't change to red or Orange

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hope you would stick to standard colours that are easily available from a range of supermarkets. As uniform is often handed down and for some will last some time, I feel it best to stick to green for jumpers, but allow a wider range of colours for PE kits.• Anything that doesn't involve white please!• Any colour that is easy to source. Polos that are not white.• Anything you think the children will love! |
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Thank you to all our families who took the time to share your views in this survey. We value your contributions and participation.

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