



**BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
OF WASHINGTON**

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

UNIFORM GUIDELINES 2022-2023

The British International School of Washington has a school uniform to encourage a better academic environment by placing the focus on learning. The attached tables outline all of the pieces of the BISW uniform for the various age groups.

Please use the following links to explore the uniform guidelines specific to the relevant age groups:

Pre-Nursery & Nursery



Reception – Year 2



Year 3 – Year 6



Year 7 – Year 11



Year 12 & Year 13



PE Uniform



PRE-NURSERY THROUGH NURSERY (2-4 YEARS OLD)

Our youngest learners in Pre-Nursery and Nursery wear their house-colored T-shirt as part of their uniform. Our houses are named and associated with the following colours: Chesapeake (Green), Patuxent (Yellow), Potomac (Red) and Shenandoah (Blue). Students are normally assigned their house at the same time they first join the school and are assigned a teacher. Students with an older sibling at the school will be placed in the same house as their sibling.

ITEM TYPE	ITEMS	DISTRIBUTOR
Tops	House Coloured Short Sleeve T-Shirt (Red, Yellow, Green, Or Blue)	FlynnO'Hara
	Navy Crewneck Sweatshirt	FlynnO'Hara
Bottoms	Gym Shorts	FlynnO'Hara
	Navy Sweatpants	FlynnO'Hara
Outerwear	Navy Blue Waterproof Rain Jacket	FlynnO'Hara
	Rain Pants (navy or dark blue)	Personal choice
Footwear	Plain white or black- or solid-coloured socks	Personal choice
	Velcro trainers (no lights or visible logos)	Personal choice
	Rain boots ("wellies") in navy or dark blue	Personal choice

RECEPTION THROUGH YEAR 2 (4-7 YEARS OLD)

ITEM TYPE	ITEMS	DISTRIBUTOR
Tops	Jade/Teal short-sleeved polo shirt with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
	Jade/Teal long-sleeved polo shirt with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
	V-Neck pullover or cardigan sweater with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
Dresses	Short sleeve navy polo dress with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
Bottoms	Grey dress pants	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End or personal choice
	Grey walking shorts	FlynnO'Hara or personal choice
	Grey skort	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End or personal choice
Outerwear	Navy Blue Waterproof Rain Jacket	FlynnO'Hara or personal choice
	Rain Pants (navy or dark blue)	Personal choice
Footwear	Plain white or black socks	Personal choice
	Black shoes or trainers (no visible logos)	Personal choice
	Rain boots ("wellies") in navy or dark blue	Personal choice
PE Uniform	See PE Uniform details	

YEAR 3 THROUGH YEAR 6 (7-11 YEARS OLD)

ITEM TYPE	ITEMS	DISTRIBUTOR
Tops	Jade/Teal short-sleeved polo shirt with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
	Jade/Teal long-sleeved polo shirt with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
	V-Neck pullover or cardigan sweater with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
Bottoms	Grey dress pants	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End or personal choice
	Grey walking shorts	FlynnO'Hara or personal choice
	Grey skort	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End or personal choice
Accessories	Black leather belt	Lands' End or personal choice
Footwear	Plain black socks	Personal Choice
	Black shoes or trainers (no visible logo)	Personal Choice
PE Uniform	See PE Uniform details	

YEAR 7 THROUGH YEAR 11 (11-16 YEARS OLD)

ITEM TYPE	ITEMS	DISTRIBUTOR
Tops	Navy short-sleeved polo shirt with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
	Navy long-sleeved polo shirt with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
	V-Neck pullover or 1/4 - Zip Fleece Pullover with BISW logo	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End
Bottoms	Grey dress pants	FlynnO'Hara or Lands' End or personal choice
	Grey kilt or knee length skirt	FlynnO'Hara or personal choice
	Grey walking shorts	Personal choice
Accessories	Black leather belt	Lands' End or personal choice
Footwear	Plain black socks	Personal choice
	Black, grey, navy, or white tights	Personal choice
	Black shoes (no visible logo)	Personal choice
PE Uniform	See PE Uniform details	

YEAR 12 & YEAR 13 (16–18 YEARS OLD)

This is a general guideline for appropriate **business casual** attire for students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program at the British International School of Washington. This is not all-inclusive but lists details for what is and is not generally acceptable as business casual. If students experience any uncertainty, they should ask their form tutor or IB Leader.

ITEM TYPE	PERMISSABLE	NOT PERMISSABLE
Skirts, dresses, trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart trousers, chinos or tailored shorts are acceptable for all students • Dresses and skirts that sit below, on, or just above the knee are permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No jeans • No sports attire • No miniskirts or minidresses
Shirts, tops, blouses and jackets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress shirts • Smart casual button-down shirts, sweaters, and other tops are permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No casual T-shirts • No midriff tops • No shirts made of sheer or otherwise revealing materials
Footwear	Conservative shoes such as loafers, boots, flats, dress heels of a comfortable height, strapped sandals, and leather shoes are permitted	No sneakers, dress sneakers, or flip flops
Other	Natural hair tones only	

PE UNIFORM (RECEPTION THROUGH YEAR 11)

ITEM TYPE	ITEM	DISTRIBUTOR
Tops	House colour T-Shirt with BISW Logo (one provided by the school)	BSN Sports
	Sweatshirt with BISW Logo	BSN Sideline Store
Bottoms	Black shorts with BISW Logo (one provided by the school)	BSN Sports
	Sweatpants with BISW Logo	BSN Sideline Store
Footwear	Full length soccer socks or short trainer socks	Personal choice
	Trainers suitable for indoor spaces	Personal choice
	Trainers suitable for Astroturf (Years 3–11)	Personal choice
Accessories	Shin Guards may be advised for certain sports (Years 3–11)	Personal choice
	A mouthguard advised for hockey/rugby (Years 7–11)	Personal choice

SPIRIT WEAR

BISW encourages students in Reception – Year 11 to wear ‘spirit wear’ items on Fridays. Spirit wear is defined as any article of non-uniform clothing with the BISW logo. Students can wear their PE kit, or clothes they’ve acquired from sports teams or whole school events. Students can also purchase spirit wear through BSN’s online Sideline Store at the following link:

https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/district_of_columbia/washington/british-school

UNIFORM PURCHASING OPTIONS

The British International School of Washington partners with two main providers for school uniforms, FlynnO'Hara and Lands' End.

Uniform items can be purchased from either location, and we encourage parents to check out both to compare sales. Our PE kit is provided by the school, but extra kits can be purchased regularly from BSN Sports through a unique link. To purchase an extra PE kit, please reach out to admissions@biswashington.org and keep an eye out for pop-up shops throughout the year, which are typically announced in the school newsletter.

FLYNNO'HARA

Shop Online:

1. Visit www.flynnohara.com.
2. Next to Shop for your School, select the state (DC), type 'British International School of Washington', and select 'Go'.
3. Shop as a guest or create an account. If you create an account, you may use the 'Add Student' button and the dropdown menus to find BISW-specific options. Retrieve misplaced passwords by calling 1-800-441-4122.

Shop In-Store:

5210 Randolph Road
Rockville, MD 20852
301-838-8958

9650-19 Main Street
Fairfax, VA 22031
703-503-5966

When calling local retailers, please identify yourself as a BISW parent and state your student's year group to assist the sales associate helping with your order.

Note: FlynnO'Hara bases sizing on exact measurements. Please use exact measurements to place a properly fitting order.

LANDS' END

Shop Online:

1. Visit www.landsend.com/school.
2. Create or log in to your account. Include your student and school information in My Account, or find our school using our Preferred School Number, 900043662. Or shop our school's selections at [this link](#).

Shop by Phone:

Call 1-800-469-2222 and reference our Preferred School Number (i.e. 900043662) and your student's year group and gender. Lands' End school uniform consultants should be available to assist 24/7.

BSN SPORTS



All students requiring PE kits (i.e. Reception to Year 11) get a PE shirt and a pair of PE shorts at the start of the school year. Sizing is determined during their first PE lesson. Extra PE kit will be available for purchase during announced 'pop-up shops' during the school year.

Students can purchase spirit wear to wear through BSN's online Sideline Store ([linked](#)). BSN frequently offers discount sales throughout the year, so check back often.