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PFAS in *School Uniforms.*

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Banner Ltd. is the UK's largest and leading schoolwear supplier. We're passionate about making every student look and feel great by producing sustainable, affordable and desirable schoolwear of the highest quality and supporting retailers with the best industry-leading service.



Sustainability ***at Banner.***

We're confident we've developed the most sustainable and ethical supply chain in our industry, backed up by strong independent accreditations. Since 2006 we've been a member of Sedex (Supplier Ethical Data Exchange), one of the world's leading ethical trade service providers, as part of our commitment to improving the working conditions in global supply chains.

As well as an ethical supply chain, we embrace our responsibility to do the right thing for our planet for future generations. We now have the biggest eco range in the industry with around 65% of our product offering now part of our 'eco range'. By 2025 we aim to have transitioned all of our garments to more sustainable fabrics.



PFAS Substances *in School Uniform.*



We're aware of an article recently published on news-sites such as BBC News and the Daily Mail regarding the chemical substance PFAS (also known as 'Forever Chemicals') and their presence in some school uniforms in the US and Canada. These chemicals, according to the article, are used to make clothing resistant to stains or water and have been linked to asthma, obesity and fertility issues.

This document is to assure you that the presence of such chemicals are NOT found in any our own products. None of our mills or fully vertical suppliers use PFAS substances. To ensure your confidence in this matter, we have outlined some information on the finishes and testing we use on our products.

Standard 100 by OEKO-TEX.

A large number of our products carry the STANDARD 100 label. Here's what that means:

STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX is one of the world's best-known labels for textiles tested for harmful substances. It stands for customer confidence and high product safety.

If a textile article carries the STANDARD 100 label, you can be certain that every component of this article, i.e., every thread, button, and other accessories, has been tested for harmful substances and that the product therefore is **harmless for human health.**

Standard 100 OEKO-TEX Certified Banner Product:

- Champion T
- Select Raglan
- Select Drop Shoulder
- Select V-Neck
- Select Cardigan
- Select Hoodie
- Select Jog Pant
- Classic Crew Neck Sweatshirt
- Classic V- Neck Sweatshirt
- Classic Cardigan
- Classic Jog Pant

We are continuing to work on applying the OEKO-TEX STANDARD 100 across the Banner range.

More information on the OEKO-TEX standard can be found here: https://www.oeko-tex.com/en/our-standards/standard-100-by-oeko-tex?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIm_jR3ZGo-gIVT-rtCh2V1gEuEAAYASAAEgJ5UvD_BwE



Teflon EcoElite.

In an effort to apply more sustainable finishes to our products, we use Teflon EcoElite on our boy's trousers and the majority of our girls-wear products.

Teflon EcoElite™ is a highly sustainable, renewably sourced, non-fluorinated, water repellent treatment for fabrics. This finish does not contain any PFAS substances.



You can find further information about Teflon EcoElite here: <https://www.teflon.com/en/industries-and-solutions/solutions/consumer-applications/textile-finishes/how-ecolite-works>

Any other fabric finishes used for remaining Banner products **DO NOT contain PFAS chemicals.**

If you have any queries about our products, please feel free to contact the Banner customer service team at:

0333 7000 888 or 01225 715 070

1st October – 31st March:

Monday – Thursday - 08:30AM – 17:00PM

Friday – 08:30AM– 15:00PM

1st April – 30th September:

Monday – Friday - 08:30AM – 17:00PM



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