

GRAVENEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Our uniform is listed below;

School Uniform

KS1 & 2 - White polo shirt, burgundy school sweatshirt or cardigan
Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore
Black shoes or Black Trainers
White or grey socks

Burgundy/dark red school dresses (summer wear)
Grey or black shorts (summer wear)
Burgundy fleece (for outdoor wear only)

PE Kit

White t-shirt
Burgundy or black shorts
Burgundy or black jogging pants (for sports outside)
Plimsolls (for indoor sports)
Trainers (for outdoor sports)

Pupils who join the football club or team will also require football boots with plastic studs, shin pads and long football socks .

2 Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

3 PE Kits

All pupils will wear their PE kit to school on the days they are having a PE lesson (these are currently a Monday and Wednesday).

We are doing this because:

- it will raise the profile of PE in school to put more clearly in children's minds the importance of sport in leading active, healthy lives;
- it will maximise time spent on physical activity in PE by cutting out time spent on changing;
- it should eliminate the possibility of clothing being lost while children change;

- it will even out wear and tear on uniforms & PE kits, making normal school uniform last a little longer and getting maximum wear out of PE kit;
- PE kits can be washed more regularly rather than staying in bags until the end of term;
- there will be no need for PE kits to be stored in school (no more lost PE kits);
- this is an idea that has been supported by our school Council.

4 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with micro-pore tape, to prevent them from causing injury.

5 Hair

Long hair must be tied back at all times; this is for the safety of pupils in lessons and is also a preventative measure against headlice. A small hair accessory is acceptable however these should be discrete and preferably in the school colours.

6 Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, open toed sandals or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. We allow children to wear black trainers to school; these must be in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform. We prefer children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list, if shoes worn are not appropriate for school a child will be asked to change into their plimsolls and parents will be informed. During the winter sensible black boots are permitted. Children are encouraged to change footwear at playtimes to suit the weather e.g. wellies.

7 Cost of uniform and branded items

As a school we will endeavour to keep the cost of our uniform as low as possible, we appreciate that primary age children grow quickly and that their uniform may only last for a short period of time. Our school jumper or fleece are the only items of uniform which are branded with the school logo.

All uniform is available from www.myclothing.com and also from our local uniform provider Rivals in Faversham.

Within school we have a recycling centre where parents can donate and find items of school uniform for their children. There is no charge for items in this cupboard, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to support you with finding items of uniform.

8 The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

9 The role of trustees

The Board of trustees supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the trustee's responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities. Trustees will ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

10 Monitoring and review

The Board of Trustees monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by:

- seeking the views of parents, to ensure that they agree with and support the policy;
- considering, with the headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;
- requiring the headteacher to report to the trustees on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

Signed:

Date: September 2022

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