



St Gabriel's CE Primary School

School Uniform Policy

Our Vision Statement:

Our aim is to nurture children with the confidence and self-belief to achieve their best;
to have the courage to think for themselves;
to be resilient in their learning and ambitious in their hopes and dreams;
to live in harmony, respecting others;
to search and question throughout life's journey;
to find personal faith;
and to learn about the Gospel of hope and love found in Jesus Christ.

Seeking to nurture:

Self**F**-belief Cour**A**ge Res**I**lience Ambi**T**ion **H**armony

“Stand firm... be courageous” 1 Corinthians 16:13

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To be reviewed by: Summer 2029

Policy on School Uniform

Introduction

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

Why is school uniform worn?

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

- promotes a sense of unity and pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

All children are admitted to the school on the clear understanding that parents fully accept and comply with the rules concerning the uniform requirements.

Health and Safety

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear headgear, jewellery or earrings in school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- Watches (no smart watches). Watches are worn at the pupil's own risk.

We ask children to remove watches during PE and games.

Hair

Hair that is long enough to tie back must be tied back during all PE lessons. We recommend all long hair be worn tied back throughout the day. All hair styles should be moderate and 'natural looking'. Extreme fashions are not acceptable in hairstyles and other aspects of appearance.

Nail varnish and make up

These are not considered appropriate in school.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. All children should wear sensibly styled, black flat shoes.

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.

Modifications to school uniform policy

Should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities or medical issues, then parents should bring this to the attention of the school.

Requests by parents/carers for girls in Year 6 to wear a headscarf/hijab will be considered.

Parental requests to modify the school uniform should be made on an individual basis, in writing, to the Headteacher.

The role of governors

The Full Governing Body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy by:

- Considering, with the Headteacher, any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform.
- Seeking information regarding the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

School uniform requirements

Our school uniform ensures that badged items are kept to a minimum and that other items are affordable and available at local supermarkets. Second-hand uniform is available, at no charge, for parents to select from in the main entrance lobby.

All badged items are available to purchase from Grays and Whittakers, Blackburn.

Please also ensure that all uniform is clearly named.

Standard Uniform

- Royal blue round-neck sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with school badge
- White polo shirt (preferably with school badge)
- Charcoal grey trousers or knee length skirt/pinafore dress
- Grey/white socks
- Grey tights (winter)
- Sensibly styled black flat shoes
- For summer – grey shorts or blue and white checked dress, (optional white leggings)

PE Kit

- White T-shirt (preferably with school badge)
- Royal blue shorts
- Navy track pants (preferably with school badge) or navy joggers (no leggings)
- Trainers (black PE pumps are not required)

Note: Children are required to come to school in their PE kit (shorts or track pants depending on weather) on their PE day.