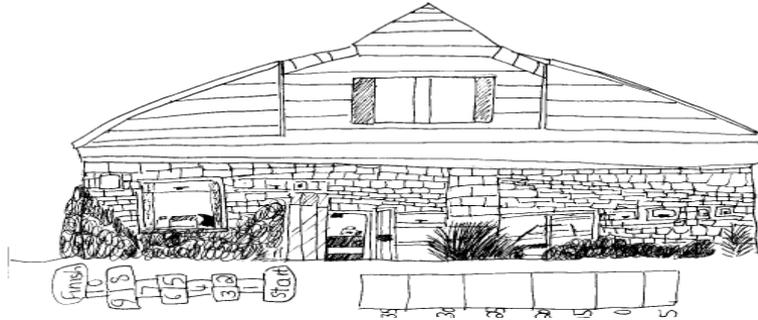


Graveley Primary School

A Church of England (VC) School



School Uniform Policy

Summer 2017

To be reviewed Summer 2019

Chair of Governors

A. Swinson

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1 Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school prospectus.

2 Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion of 'look smart - act smart' and that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- 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;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3 Uniform details

Boys and Girls

Grey trousers (short or long) Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore

White shirt with a collar

School tie

Plain black, grey or white socks /Dark grey tights

Dark shoes (not trainers)

Royal blue v-necked jumper or cardigan preferably with school logo

During the summer months, girls may wear a blue gingham/ striped dress.

Should a hijab be worn this must be royal blue.

PE / Sports Kit for boys and girls

Royal blue T-shirt with school logo

Black shorts or skorts

Black jogging bottoms (sweatshirt like material with no piping)

Royal blue track suit top with school logo

Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor activities

Ties, book bags and P.E. bags are available from the office. Other items are available to order from School Trends. Most generic items (such as skirts, trousers, jogging bottoms, P.E. shorts) can be purchased from local shops and supermarkets. Skirts and dresses should be long enough to enable the wearer to sit cross-legged without embarrassment.

4 Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school unless it is a medical alert bracelet.

5 Hair and make-up

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts (such as Mohicans) or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Hair bands, clips and so on should be discreet designs in colours compatible with school colours and only used in order to keep hair in place. Long hair on girls or boys should be tied back. Some hair ornaments may need to be removed for P.E. on the grounds of health and safety. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate.

6 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 even on own clothes days. Shoes made of breathable material such as leather are preferred and totally plastic shoes (such as jelly shoes) are not acceptable. We do not allow children to wear trainers to school; these are appropriate for sport or as leisurewear, but are not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform (including travel to and from school). We require all children to wear the types of shoe described in the uniform list. Shoes which incorporate flashing lights or similar distracting gimmicks in their design are not appropriate for school wear.

Winter boots/ wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather but shoes must be brought to school and worn during the school day. Flat sandals that provide firm support may be worn in summer but they must have a heel strap to ensure that the foot cannot slip off the sandal.

7 Seasonal safety

All children require a coat in school when the weather is changeable, cold or wet. On hot sunny days children should be protected from the sun when outdoors by:

- wearing a hat or cap
- wearing an appropriate SPF sun-screen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought to school to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sun-screen).
- wearing sunglasses with a CE mark which conform to British Standard BS EN 18361977 and are of a design/colour compatible with school colours.

8 The role of the school

Items bearing the school logo are available for purchase through school. The school will make every effort to ensure these items are of reasonable quality and an affordable price. There will be consultation with parents in the event of any change in supplier of uniform items.

The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school. Acceptance of the school's uniform policy forms part of our Home-School Agreement. In the event of infringement of the uniform policy, in the first instance a member of staff would have a discrete discussion with the pupil regarding any explanation for the infringement and any remedial action that might be required (for example, a child might be asked to change into P.E. pumps if their footwear is unsuitable for wear in school or a child wearing a hoodie to school instead of a jacket but then continuing to wear it in the classroom would be asked to remove it and hang it on their coat peg). In the event of persistent or flagrant infringements, parents will be contacted in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

9 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. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. ***All items should be clearly marked with the child's name preferably with woven name labels.***

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy for their child, they should make representation in writing, in the first instance, to the headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably. Supporting medical evidence would be required.

10 The role of governors

The governing body determines the whole school uniform policy and supports the headteacher in implementing it. It considers all representations from parents regarding this policy, and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

11 Monitoring and review

When monitoring this policy, through its committee work, the governing body will:

- if necessary seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy, and support it (for example during a supplier change)
- consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations;
- require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way in which the policy is being implemented.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.