

Graveley Primary School

A Church of England (VC) School



School Uniform Policy

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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 (no polo shirts)

School tie*

Plain black, grey or white socks /Dark grey tights

Smart, dark shoes or trainers. Short, dark ankle boots may be worn in the winter months.

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

Children in Hedgehog Class and Squirrel Class will also need wellies in school.

Children in Foxes Class and Badger Class will need a change of footwear if they want to use the field when it is muddy.

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

or royal blue hoodie or sweatshirt may also be worn for PE during colder weather. (A logo version is available from Kids Connection if preferred.)

Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor activities

Ties, book bags and P.E. bags are available to purchase from the school office. Other items are available to order from Kids Connection (www.kidsconnection.co.uk). Most generic items (such as skirts, trousers, jogging bottoms, P.E. shorts, sweatshirts) 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.

*These items are specific to Graveley School and can be purchased via our supplier, Kids Connection. The school holds limited stock of book bags, ties and P.E. bags.

4. Second Hand Uniform

Friends of Graveley (FOG) have regular sales throughout the year selling pre-loved items. They can be contacted directly through their FOG Facebook page or through the school office for requests throughout the year.

If your family are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school. We may be able to offer support in sourcing or funding items.

5. Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow pupils to wear any jewellery in our school unless it is a medical alert bracelet. These include earrings which must be removed.

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 out of breathable material such as leather are preferred and totally plastic shoes (such as jelly shoes) are not acceptable.

7. Seasonal Safety

All pupils 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 sunscreen that has been applied at home, or that they have brought into school to apply themselves (adults in school are not permitted to apply sunscreen). Pupils must not share sunscreen with others due to allergy risks.

8. The role of the School

The school accepts no liability for loss or damage to uniform or personal items worn or brought into school. In the event of infringement of the school uniform policy, in the first instance, a member of staff may have a discrete discussion with an older pupil regarding any explanation of infringement and any remedial action that might be required. (For example, a child might be asked to change into P.E. trainers if their footwear is unsuitable for wear in school or a child is wearing a hoodie to school instead of a jacket but then continue 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 via email or telephone.

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 to their daily school work. 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.**

If any parent would like the school to modify the school uniform policy for their child, they should contact the school to discuss options. 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 policy, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a child with disabilities, then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the school. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably. Supporting medical evidence may be required.

10. The role of governors

The Governing Board 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 Governing Board's 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 Board will:

- if necessary seek the views of parents, to be sure they agree with this policy, and support it (for example during a change of school uniform supplier);
- 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 Board every two years, or earlier is considered necessary.