

Great Bardfield Primary School



Uniform Policy

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OVERVIEW

At Great Bardfield Primary School we wish to promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school has high standards and expectations and this is reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. We also believe that school uniform prevents the inevitable loss of self-esteem caused to individual children should a family not be able or willing to provide the newest, most expensive or fashionable clothing and equipment.

OBJECTIVES

1. To maintain a strong sense of identity, pride and belonging within our school
2. To promote consistently high standards of behaviour, attitude and dress.
3. To respect variations to school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions.
4. To avoid unnecessary clothing expense for parents.
5. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. Parents should communicate with us if there is a specific reason why their child is unable to follow this policy.

UNIFORM

Uniform consists of:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirts with school logo or plain white polo shirts,
- white shirts or white blouses
- Grey straight-legged trousers or grey tailored shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Black, sensible, low-heeled shoes – no boots, trainers or sandals
- Plain black, grey or white socks/tights

In the Summer term, blue and white checked dresses or culotte-style dresses are optional.

Some children may choose to wear shorts under their skirt or dress for modesty. These should be plain navy (or white if worn under a summer dress).

Headscarves worn for religious reasons should be plain and navy blue, white or black in colour.

Hair styles should be neat and tidy and promote our high standards of dress. Long hair should be off the face in all lessons and fully tied back for PE. Parents may be asked to come to school to rectify unsuitable hair styles. There should be no extremes of style or colour and no shaved lines or patterns. Hair accessories should be **discreet, plain and navy blue, white or black** in colour.

Nail varnish (or false nails), make up and jewellery (other than earrings and watches) are not acceptable.

Children may wear **one pair of small, plain stud earrings** only which must be removed for PE and swimming.

Children may wear small, discreet **watches** which must be removed for PE. Smart watches which connect to the internet are not allowed to be worn. A small 'fitbit' watch which counts step may be worn.

PE Lessons

Children will also require **a change of clothing for PE lessons.**

- Plain navy blue or black shorts
- Navy blue school PE shirt **with school logo**
- Plain Trainers
- Sweatshirt/hoodie and long trousers/tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE in winter

Children may bring a book bag or small rucksack with the school logo or they may choose a pattern of their choice. **Please keep rucksack size to a minimum – we do not have the space to store these during the school day.** All basic equipment e.g. pencils, rulers, handwriting pens, colouring pencils are provided by school.

Lunchboxes should be named and taken home every day.

Water bottles should be named and they will be kept in the classroom other than when taken outside/to the hall for sports activities. Children are encouraged to drink water and **should not bring any other drinks into school (unless as part of a packed lunch).**

Children will require an **overall** or **old shirt** to protect their uniform during art lessons and children in Reception will require an all in one waterproof and wellingtons.

STRATEGIES

1. Children will be encouraged and reminded to wear the correct uniform as described above.
2. All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
3. Children will be asked to remove jewellery or accessories that do not form part of the uniform. These can be kept securely until the end of the day and then returned to the pupil.
4. They will be asked to remove makeup/nail varnish immediately.
5. School does not take responsibility for lost watches or jewellery.
6. The school provides a second hand uniform shop to parents where high quality second hand uniform items can be purchased for a minimal donation to the PTA. Parents are encouraged to donate any items of lightly worn uniform.

Staff should:

- Set a good example in terms of professional dress.
- Remember that in our respective roles we serve the local community as a set of professionals.
- Informal clothes such as jeans, shorts or revealing items are not suitable work attire. The appropriate footwear e.g. trainers, must be worn for all PE lessons for safety reasons. Similarly, tracksuits and sports clothing are recommended for these lessons.
- The Head Teacher will use his/her discretion to advise anyone who is unsure or needs further information regarding his/her code of dress, including body art and piercing.

Role of the Governing Board:

- The Governing Board should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, handling it respectfully, and should consider fully the issues they raise. Governors should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome.
- The school will follow the DFE guidelines and not consider exclusion from the school where a pupil fails to comply with the school's rules on uniform.

Role of the Parents/Guardians:

- To ensure that their child / children adhere to the school's uniform policy and uphold the high standards of dress and appearance set by the school
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as Christmas events or school visits or charity fundraising non uniform days.
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform and dress codes by following the school's complaints procedure.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities:

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies and allows for individual sets of circumstances of all groups and individuals. Great Bardfield Primary School is committed to creating a positive climate that will enable everyone to work free from racial intimidation and harassment and to achieve their full potential.