

Great Tew Primary School

School Uniform Policy

1 Introduction

At Great Tew, the Governing Body expects all children to 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 and PE in our school prospectus and on the school website (please see Appendix A). PE kit is obligatory.

We will consider carefully any request to vary the policy, in particular to meet the needs of any individual pupil to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special consideration. Parents who wish to request a variance for their child should speak to the Headteacher.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 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 clothes that could cause distraction;
- 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.
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3 Jewellery

3.1 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.

3.2 Children are asked to remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

3.3 **Earrings:** Children unable to remove earrings should be required to make them safe by taping, front and back. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball). This taping may be done at home for younger children or prior to the lesson for older students.

3.4 Staff are not required to remove or tape earrings for students.

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4 Long hair, extreme haircuts and make-up

- 4.1 Children with long hair should have it tied back and kept away from their face, on health and safety and hygiene grounds.
- 4.2 A plain band, scrunchy or hair tie should be used (brown, grey or navy). Large clips, pins or elaborate decorations should not be worn.
- 4.3 The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.
- 4.4 The school does not permit children to wear make-up or nail varnish unless this is part of a theatrical performance.

5 Swimming Attire

- 5.1 Pupils should wear appropriate costumes for swimming, that conform to safety, cultural and teaching requirements. It is important that swimming clothing is relatively tight fitting to minimise the effect of drag in the water and for this reason trunks should be worn rather than shorts.

5 Footwear

- 5.1 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 or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.
- 5.2 Children should wear black, brown or blue sturdy school shoes – laced, buckled or velcro fastening. A suitable rubber sole is strongly advised (and slip on pumps/ballet shoes should be avoided.)

6 The role of parents

- 6.1 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 appropriately dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child wears clothes that are clean and in good repair.
- 6.2 If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Chair of Governors.

7 The role of governors

- 7.1 The governing body 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.
- 7.2 It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.

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8 Monitoring and review

8.1 The governing body 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.

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APPENDIX A

Winter Uniform

- Appropriate skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or shorts in navy or grey
- Navy sweatshirt with school crest or navy cardigan with school crest
- Plain white polo shirt (no crest)
- Blue, black or brown sturdy school shoes suitable for running around in*
- Plain white, navy or grey socks or tights

Summer Uniform

- Appropriate shorts or skirt in navy or grey
- Plain white polo shirt (no crest)
- Blue and white checked dress
- Blue, black or brown sturdy school shoes suitable for running around in*
- Plain white, navy or grey socks (no trainer socks)
- A navy school cap with a crest to be worn outdoors at all times

Children are expected to change before doing PE. Our PE uniform is compulsory and comprises:

- White T-shirt with navy school crest
- Navy shorts or 'skorts'
- Navy jogging bottoms & tracksuit top (without branded logos) to keep warm **
- White socks for both indoor and outdoor PE (no trainer socks)
- A pair of strong trainers
- A navy school cap with a crest to be worn during Summer PE lessons

** Navy school sweatshirt with embroidered crest is appropriate

** Crested navy fleece and reversible fleece/jacket are available but not compulsory

The following items are available from our uniform supplier (School Trends), all embroidered with our school crest:

A navy sweatshirt
A white PE t-shirt
A navy cardigan
A navy fleece (suitable for outdoor PE)
A navy waterproof reversible fleece/jacket (also suitable for outdoor PE)
A navy knitted hat
A navy school cap
A PE kit bag
A book bag
A despatch bag with a logo (suitable for older children's books and homework)

Non-Crested Items:

As well as our approved crested school uniform, you are also able to order plain items suitable for school wear such as trousers, skirts, pinafores, shirts, jogging bottoms and shorts.

*a suitable rubber sole is strongly advised (and slip on pumps, ballet shoes, open-toed/heeled sandals should be avoided for health and safety reasons.)