Godalming Junior School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

We believe our school uniform creates a sense of equality and belonging, and we encourage the children to wear it with pride.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy for uniform is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and it has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes in the school
- Develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out of school educational activities and visits;
- Is practical and looks smart
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be)
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

Winter (to be worn in the Autumn and Spring terms)	
Bottle green pullover (with logo) * green and white tie* mid grey trousers white shirt (long or short sleeve) plain grey socks sensible and smart black footwear (not trainers or boots) tracksuit (with logo)* for outdoor games in cold weather and all swimming sessions	Bottle green pullover or cardigan (with logo)* green and white tie* mid grey skirt or tunic (appropriate length & style) white shirt (long or short sleeve) plain white or grey socks plain grey or black tights sensible and smart black footwear (not trainers, boots or high heels) tracksuit (with logo)* for outdoor games in cold weather and all swimming sessions
Summer (to be worn in the Summer term)	
white polo shirt (bottle green pullover with logo) mid grey trousers or shorts sensible and smart black footwear (not trainers or boots) plain grey or white socks	Green and white gingham style dress white polo shirt (bottle green pullover with logo) mid grey skirt sensible and smart black footwear (no flip-flops, trainers, boots or high heels) plain white socks
PE	
Black shorts, bottle green t-shirt (with logo)* and trainers Drawstring PE bag* Sweater (with logo)* sports socks (for PE only)	Black shorts, bottle green sports t-shirt (with logo) * and trainers Drawstring PE bag* Sweater (with logo)* sports socks (for PE only)

Coats and Hats

A warm and waterproof garment is essential for children using our site. This should be as plain as possible and dark in colour.

House T-Shirts

A coloured house t-shirt is available from the school for house events including Sports Day and cost £2.00. All children are allocated a House and there are blue, red, yellow and green t-shirts available. These are optional and are not to be used for PE sessions

All items MUST be named. Since locker space is limited please keep school bags small.

Items marked* are available from **Godalming Junior School,**
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Jewellery
This may not be worn at school, except for stud earrings for those with pierced ears, which **must** be removed for PE lessons. Otherwise they will not be able to participate. Watches are also removed for PE and therefore must be named.

We do ask that ear-piercing is carried out during the summer holidays as the children will not be able to access the full PE curriculum if earrings need to stay in.

Hair Styles
Extreme haircuts or styles are not appropriate for school. Please ensure that children have something to tie up long hair.

Lost Property
Lost clothing and larger items are put into the black-lidded box on the playground (under the canopy). Small items are given to the office staff. At the end of each half term lost property will be returned (if named) or either sold as second-hand uniform or otherwise disposed of. The school cannot accept any responsibility for misplaced clothing but, if clothing is clearly marked/named, will make every effort to see lost items are returned

Children should come to school with an appropriate bag containing what they need for the day in the form of a shoulder bag or ruck sack.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body
The Headteacher:

- Implements and monitors the policy throughout the school community as part of the duty within maintenance of day-to-day discipline in the school
- Has overall responsibility for ensuring standards are maintained
- Is responsible for any disciplinary measures for failing to follow the uniform rules
- Issue letters to parents/carers as required.

The Governing Body:

- Should be receptive to any reasonable complaint from parents or carers concerning uniform, by handling it respectfully and considering fully the issues they raise
- Should aim to work with parents to arrive at a mutually acceptable outcome

The Role of Staff
The staff will:

- Dress appropriately; teachers, learning support assistants, office staff and support staff should set a good example in what they wear in line with the staff code of conduct

The Role of Parents / Carers
The parents will:

- Support the School Uniform Policy
- Ensure children come to school properly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork every day
- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named – this helps lost items be easily identified and returned
- Parents and carers should raise any complaints about the school uniform by following the school complaints procedure.

The Role of Children
The children will:

- Wear the school uniform when attending school, representing the school or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours
- Wear the school uniform with pride
- Try to keep their uniform clean and tidy
- Remember to bring kit on the correct days.

Inclusion
All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their race, religion, gender, disability or ability. We ensure that the set uniform respects other policies and allows for individual circumstances. Godalming Junior 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. At GJS we promote and encourage open lines of communication between home and school and if there any queries, questions, suggestions or adaptations needed for the policy for individual children, we simply as that parents arrange a meeting with the headteacher.

Non-compliance with the School Uniform Policy
If a child breaches the School Uniform Policy the teaching team will discreetly talk to them to find out why they are not in uniform and to remind them of the need to wear one. If a child breaches this again, a reminder letter will be sent home to parents notifying them of the breach.
If a child forgets their swimming/PE kit, school will attempt to contact parents/carers to bring a kit to school immediately.
Collective praise for wearing uniform as well as reminders of the need to do so, will also be given to classes within assemblies.
A member of the school Senior Leadership Team may feel the need to contact parents/carers to bring some suitable uniform to school immediately. As an alternative to this, a supply of spare uniform will be kept in school and children may be asked to change into this.
We understand that there may be some exceptional and unavoidable situations where children may have to come to school without a part of their school or PE uniform (lost or damaged). We do ask the parents/carers to contact the school on the day to confirm the reason either by phone, letter or email.

Persistent Non-Compliance
A member of the school Senior Leadership Team may contact the parent directly to discuss this matter. Continued non observance of the policy will result in a formal letter and the possibility of the child missing segments of free time.
Exclusion is not normally an appropriate response to breaches of school uniform/appearance policies. However, where these breaches are persistent and in open defiance of the School Uniform Policy and Home/School Agreement, and where all other avenues have been exhausted, then the school may consider exclusion as a last resort depending on the circumstances of the case.

Godalming Junior School expects all pupils and parents to conform with this policy and the Home/School Agreement. In the event of persistent breaches, we will look closely with the parents/carers to resolve the situation.