



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Manager

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The rationale

Following consideration of the non-statutory guidance on School Uniform from the DfE, Gayton Junior School Governing Body have decided that a school uniform is appropriate for our pupils when on site, as it promotes the school environment as a place of learning. This follows from the governing body's general responsibility for the conduct of the school and for the promotion of good behaviour and discipline.

Factors considered by governors

When governors decide school uniform policy and practice, they are required to give priority to the following factors:

- Cost of the uniform, making an effort to avoid undue hardship on families or causing some pupils to be socially excluded
- The comfort and appropriateness of physical education (PE) uniforms
- How the school will handle non-compliance with the uniform policy
- Equality issues, so that uniform choices are compliant with gender and race equality legislation and take account of certain cultural and religious traditions
- Disability equality issues
- Home to school travel, where safety considerations may contribute to the design and style of uniform

We ask parents to consider the practicalities of styles when purchasing uniform e.g. short, tight skirts are not practical for sitting on the carpet; thin pump-style shoes are not suitable for damp playgrounds when it has rained; boots are too hot to sit in all day when the heating is on.

The agreed school uniform

BOYS:

- Navy blue sweatshirts, with the Gayton logo
- Navy blue sweatshirts without a logo
- Plain white polo shirt
- Black / grey school trousers
- Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers
- Black / grey socks
- In the summer, black / grey shorts
- Religious /cultural headwear in black / navy / white blue

GIRLS:

- Navy blue sweatshirts / cardigans with the Gayton logo
- Navy blue sweatshirts / cardigans without a logo
- Plain white polo shirt
- Black / grey school trousers / knee length skirt / knee length pinafore
- Plain black school shoes or trainers (*boots can only be worn to and from school*)
- Black / grey /white socks / tights (*no leggings*)
- In the summer, blue summer dress
- Religious /cultural headwear in black / navy / white blue

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Plain white T shirt, without any logo or writing
- Plain navy blue PE shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Girls: Navy blue leggings if considered appropriate for cultural reasons
- In the colder weather, track suit top and bottoms

JEWELLERY:

For health and safety reasons, the only jewellery allowed is

- An item of religious significance
- An inexpensive watch
- Small gold or silver stud earrings (not sparkly or a different shape), which can be removed for PE activities.

It is vital that parents and carers name items of clothing.

Availability and affordability

The school have researched school uniform suppliers and currently offer two sources for sweatshirts with the school logo. All other school uniform can be bought from the in local chain retailers.

Non-compliance

There may be good reasons why a child is not wearing school uniform. In this case, parents and carers should share the reasons with the Headteacher either in person or by letter. The Headteacher will then agree a suitable alternative uniform with the parent and indicate the length of time that this will suffice.

There will be occasions when the school decides that school uniform is not appropriate e.g. when taking part in a physical activity day, or wearing different clothes as a part of a fund raising event. Parents and carers will be notified in advance of what is the revised dress code on these days.

If a child deliberately persists in not wearing the agreed uniform, the Headteacher will share the reasons why we have a policy in place and explain the 'unfairness' of allowing a few children to not wear the uniform. If this continues, the Headteacher will then share the policy with the parents and carers and seek their support.

Health and safety

For their safety, pupils are not allowed to wear **any** jewellery during physical activities. Parents and carers are strongly advised to have any ear piercings done at the start of the six week summer holidays, so that earrings can be removed for all PE lessons throughout the school year. It is the pupils' responsibility to remove their own earrings (staff are not allowed to do this) or for parents/carers to remove them before the children come to school.

Changing for PE

It is important that the children change into a PE kit. They should not wear their school shoes or trainers, school polo shirt or sweatshirt. This supports the curriculum work we do in PSHE when teaching about personal hygiene.