

Galleywood Infant School Uniform Policy July 2022



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Introduction

At Galleywood Infant School we believe that our school uniform helps children to feel ready for learning, proud to look smart and part of our school community.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

At Galleywood Infant School we are pleased to wear a uniform that:

- Helps to create a sense of community and belonging
- Promotes a sense of pride in our school
- Enables others to recognise our uniform and identifies pupils with the school
- Supports our whole school commitment to inclusion
- Is practical, comfortable and helps us to keep children safe
- Discourages fashion items, and provides good value for money

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- Plain or with logo royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Plain or with logo white or light blue shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey trousers or grey shorts
- Blue and white dress (in the summer)
- Black shoes or smart black velcro trainers

In addition, a royal blue fleece jacket may be worn. This is encouraged to be embroidered with our school logo (but not essential).

P.E Kit

PE is an important part of the curriculum and all children need a PE kit which they wear to school when PE is on their year group timetable.

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- In winter, black or navy jogging bottoms/leggings
- Black or navy sweatshirt or hoodie
- Trainers

Trainers are worn for all PE. We do not advise wearing plimsolls for PE as they do not offer enough support for your children's feet.

Recycling old school uniform

We are keen to support our local community as well as considering the environment - with this in mind, we ask parents/carers with uniform that is too small (or for those moving to junior school) to consider donating these items back to the school to support with:

- Families that may need uniform who are unable to obtain items for a variety of reasons
- Restock our in-school 'spare uniform' boxes

We take in all items associated with our school uniform including old book bags, summer caps and PE kits. The only items we do not take are shoes/trainers. Please ensure all items donated are clean and if possible that names are removed.

Purchasing Uniform

Most of our uniform can be bought at The One Stop School Gear shop at:
Unit 3b Beehive Business Centre
Beehive Lane
Chelmsford, CM2 9TE

Or online at <https://www.onestopschoolgear.com/find-your-school/galleywood-infants>
By telephone 01245 214084.

One Stop Gear do not sell grey trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses. These can be purchased at supermarkets and other shops/websites that sell children's clothes.

Items with the school logo are preferable but not compulsory. Plain items in the school colours are available at supermarkets and other shops/websites that sell children's clothes.

Footwear

All children are required to wear plain black school shoes or smart black velcro trainers, as stated in the uniform list. Children should wear trainers for PE and not plimsolls as plimsolls do not provide adequate support.

For Reception pupils and year 1, parents are kindly asked to buy shoes/trainers without laces and to provide a pair of wellies to remain in school at all times.

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels or open toes.

If boots are worn to travel to/from school, children must have a change of shoes with them for the school day.

Jewellery

For many reasons, including safety, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears. Children are required to remove earrings during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Children cannot wear tape over stud earrings in P.E. They need to be able to remove any earrings themselves, otherwise children will not be able to take part in their PE lesson. Earrings will be placed in an envelope, or parents can provide a small container to keep them safe until the end of the day.

Please note the following ruling from Essex County Council:

Essex County Council's ruling states that for physical education: "All jewellery, including studs in newly pierced ears, must be removed for safety reasons. Those children who do not comply will not be permitted to participate in the activity". *Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.* Neither the school nor the LA can accept any responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from the wearing of jewellery.

If parents choose to have their child's ear pierced we ask that it be at the beginning of the summer school holiday, not at the end or during term time, allowing 6 weeks for the piercings to heal.

Hair

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either white, blue or checked to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large bows or other decoration attached.

For health and safety reasons, and to ensure it does not distract from learning, we ask that any long hair be tied back.

Make-up and Nail Varnish

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

The Role of Parents

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is visibly labelled on all items.

If a parent has difficulties for any reason, they are asked to speak confidentially to the School Office to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we will do all we can to help.

We recognise that some religions and beliefs require conformity to a particular dress code and we are sensitive to this. However, it is important that any adaptations agreed do not compromise health and safety or security concerns or compromise important school policies. It should be possible for most religious requirements to be met within our policy and we aim to accommodate these, showing flexibility where there is a genuine reason to do so. Any parent or carer who would like an adaptation to be considered should make an appointment with the Headteacher to discuss this. We also recognise that reasonable adjustments might need to be made for a pupil with a disability and there is flexibility within our policy for this. Again, parents and carers should contact the school office to discuss and agree any adaptations. We also recognise that temporary adaptations may be needed, for example if a child has sustained a physical injury. The uniform options set out in our policy are gender neutral and it is not specified what items boys or girls should or should not wear within the permitted list.

Lost Property

There is a lost property box in the front porch, which parents are welcome to come and check for lost items at the beginning and end of the school day.

The Role of Governors

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. It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal Monitoring and Review opportunities. Governors ensure that the school uniform policy enables children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

Monitoring and Review

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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