

GREAT SANKEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY SEPTEMBER 2024-26



'Together We Learn and Grow'

School Uniform Policy

Introduction

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform in our school.

Aims and Objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- encourages 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 fashion clothes that could be very expensive and distracting in class.
- 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.
- helps reduce inequalities and bullying between pupils.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow our children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask children to remove these objects during PE and games to prevent them from causing injury.

Hair

Hair must be worn in an appropriate conventional style. Hair styles must be such that they can easily be kept neat and do not prevent children from participating effectively and safely in all school activities. The school actively discourages children from having 'extreme' haircuts such as severe head shaving, Mohican styles and patterns shaved into the hair that could serve as a distraction to other children or serve to undermine the ethos or discipline of the school. The dying of hair is discouraged, although hair dyed in natural colours is acceptable – other colours are not permitted. The school also discourages large accessories in the hair that could distract others.

Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. We discourage children to wear such shoes in our school. We do not permit children to wear trainers to school unless it is for PE; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. There are also sound health and hygiene reasons for not wearing trainers on a regular basis. The wearing of trainers as a part of daily school uniform can lead to competition between pupils and detract from the

aims we are trying to achieve through our uniform policy.

We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

Make up and Nail Varnish

Make up and nail varnish (including false nails) must not be worn in school.

Tattoos

Temporary tattoos should not be visible during term time.

The Role of Parents

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 correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that is clean and in good repair.

If any parent would like the school to modify the school uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Headteacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

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 opportunities.

Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hard wearing, 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.
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

School Uniform

When deciding on school uniform, every effort has been made to ensure that the cost to parents is minimised. The vast majority of items are available from a range of sources. The only items that must be purchased via school suppliers are the

jumper/cardigan and PE colour shirt if you require the school emblem on them, although plain grey items can be purchased via high street retailers and supermarkets. The school tie must be purchased from our uniform suppliers or from our school office. The tartan skirt is also currently only available through our chosen two uniform stockists (SG Embroidery and Touchline).

To support with the cost of uniforms for families, we run a pre-loved uniform shop in our community cabin situated on the playground. The vast majority of our items are £1 each.

Grey school jumper / cardigan (*with school logo - optional)

White collared blouse/shirt – not a polo shirt.

Grey pinafore / trousers / shorts.

Tartan school skirt (available via our two uniform suppliers)

Please note that skirts must be worn at or below knee level.

School tie (available from the school office or our two suppliers)

Plain white, grey or black socks or **black, red or grey**, woollen school tights

Black flat soled or small flat heeled school shoes

Summer **red/white** gingham dresses

PE/Swimming

Plain red, green, yellow or blue t-shirt (depending on the child's house group) PE shirts displaying the school badge are available through our stockists (optional)

Plain black shorts

Black pumps (indoor)

Trainers (outdoor)

Plain black / dark grey track suits may be worn for outdoor PE on cold days. We discourage tracksuits / sweatshirts / leggings which are patterned and coloured.

Swimming costume, trunks or shorts (not long shorts or bikinis)

For Health and Safety reasons all earrings must be removed for PE by the child.

Sanctions include:

Where a child is not wearing full uniform for school and a request for exemption has not been received, this should be challenged by staff at a level appropriate to the

child's stage of development.

It is expected that in the vast majority of cases, a question about why the uniform is not being worn and a request for this to be rectified the following day will be sufficient.

However, in the event of a child persistently not wearing uniform, without any agreement from the Headteacher, the Headteacher should make contact with the parents requesting that the correct uniform is used, as soon as possible.

In extreme circumstances and/or where a parent refuses to support the school policy, the school will take additional measures in line with school policy and Trust / LA guidance.