## Gladstone Road Primary School

## School Uniform Policy

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

## Aims and Objectives

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 fashion clothes that could be 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.
- Our uniform consists of:

| Uniform | Colour/Brand | Seasons | Optional or Required | Retailer |
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| Trousers | Grey or Black - Unbranded | All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Shorts | Grey or Black - Unbranded | All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Skirt | Grey or Black - Unbranded | All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Dress | Blue and White Check | Summer | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Polo Shirt | White - Unbranded | All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Cardigan | Royal Blue - With or Without Emblem | All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Sweater / Sweatshirt | Royal Blue - With or Without Emblem | All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Shoes | Black - Unbranded | All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Hoodie / Zip Up | Navy or Black - Unbranded | PE Kit All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Polo Shirt | Yellow - Unbranded | PE Kit All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Shorts / Joggers / Leggings | Black or Navy - Unbranded | PE Kit All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |
| Trainers | Black - Plain - No coloured branding | PE Kit All Year | Required | Any, second hand acceptable |

## All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are a single pair of stud earrings in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. Please note it is Education Authority guidance which states that children wearing earrings should remove them for PE.

## Hair Dye

We ask that all pupils maintain their own natural hair colour whilst attending school, bright colour hair dyes are not permitted.

## Mobile Phones/Smart Watches

In accordance with our school policy mobile phones should only be brought into school if there is an identified need to have a phone pre and post school for health and safety reasons e.g., walking home alone. We ask parents to complete a form confirming that the phone will be appropriately named and with the pupil's class on. This will be given to the class teacher every morning, taken to the main office and stored safely throughout the day. The same approach applies to Smart Watches.
(If a mobile phone which has not been handed in to the office is misplaced or goes missing GRPS will not be held liable).

## Footwear

We require all children to wear sensible black shoes; no heels, no flipflops. Plain black trainers are allowed.

## 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 schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. 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 implements the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher 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 hardwearing, safe and practical.

## Monitoring and Review

The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work.

## Please support our School Uniform Policy

## Thankyou

| This Policy was last reviewed on | $02 / 10 / 2023$ |
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| This Policy is next due a review | $02 / 10 / 2024$ |

