



School Uniform Policy

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At Grace Cook Primary School and Nursery we promote an atmosphere which encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. The school's concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates.

We believe 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 wearing fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is good value for money;
- is designed with health and safety in mind

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

The school implements a gender-neutral uniform, meaning that children are not required to wear specific items based on their gender.

Our Uniform:

For Every Day:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jade green <u>school logo</u> sweatshirt or cardigan (not worn around the waist) • Grey school trousers (not leggings or cropped trousers), shorts (knee length), skirt (knee length) or pinafore dress • Navy blue polo shirt with the Grace Cook logo • Green gingham dress, playsuit, shorts or culottes • Plain grey or white socks • White, or grey tights • Black, flat, sensible shoes only • Weatherproof coat
For PE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shorts • Jade green t – shirt with Grace Cook logo • Trainers • Plain navy jogging bottoms and a plain navy jogging top or navy school logo hoody • Plain white or grey socks
For Swimming: (KS2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming suit (one piece not bikini) or close fitting swimming trunks • Swimming cap
Other requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School logo book bag (Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 and only one key ring should be attached) • Spare socks and underwear (if required) • Long hair should be at least half tied up. Hair items to be school colours (green) • No fashion items or claw grips. • We have adopted the Halo Code to embrace all Afro-hairstyles including, but not limited to afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows • Sun hat (in warmer weather) • Rucksacks (KS2 only) should not be too large • Water bottles should follow the following guidelines: No Air Up or branded bottles e.g. Prime bottles, (No bottles greater than 1 Litre, No bottles with big holes to sip from (twisted lid bottles), No metal bottles due to noise when dropped e.g. Chilli bottles, No exposed straw cups e.g. Stanley cups or dupes. To help with some suggestions as to what you might consider, Sistema bottles are great. They are easy to use, don't leak and are the perfect size for children.)

Please NO:

- Jewellery - except for single, plain gold or silver ear studs (must be removed before PE)
- Extreme haircuts e.g. 'skinhead' or 'mohican' (patterns or lines should not be cut into the hair)
- Make Up (including nail varnish, mascara or temporary tattoos etc)
- No fashion clothing e.g. leather, denim or camouflage jackets
- No boots, high heels, trainers or slip on shoes
- No toys/soft toys etc should not be sent into school with children, unless as part of a prearranged strategy with their class teacher or SENCo to support additional needs.
- No fidgets/fiddle toys/chewies should be brought in from home unless pre-agreed with the class teacher or SENCo and should be school allocated ones.

Where to buy:

- All uniform can be purchased at Inces in Stowmarket or online via www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk
- Other items - are readily available from the high street or supermarket.
- Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense.
- Pre-loved uniform. We now accept pre-loved uniforms. We collect cardigans and jumpers with Grace Cook logo on as well as skirts, dresses, trousers, shorts, polo shirts and PE t-shirts. Pre-loved uniform will be available to purchase regularly. All profits go to the Friends of Grace Cook.

Reasonable Adjustments:

- Reasonable adjustments to our uniform policy can be agreed to support children who are, for example, oversensitive to tactile stimulus or in need of adaptations due to a specific condition or disability. These could include a different texture of material or style of garment. These adjustments should be discussed and agreed in advance and should aim to find a middle ground that is suitable and appropriate for school, and as close as possible to the uniform policy, but also supportive of the child's needs.
- The adjustments should be plain clothing and not be overly patterned, labelled or fashion items. To help with some suggestions as to what you might consider, George at Asda Easy on Easy Wear. Please note our strong preference remains jade green school logo sweatshirt or cardigan (available at PMG School Wear Shop).
- If a child is on the SEN register, reasonable adjustments should be discussed with class teacher or SENCo. If a child is not on the SEN register but has a valid need for adjustment, requests can be made in writing to the SENCo/Headteacher to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Role of the Headteacher and Governing Body:

- The Headteacher will ensure that pupils comply with the uniform policy agreed by the governing body.
- The Headteacher has a duty to enforce the uniform policy throughout the school community, as part of the duty to maintain day to day discipline in the school.

Role of the Parents:

- To ensure that their child/children adhere to the school's uniform policy.
- Ensure that they come to school in uniform everyday unless there are special circumstances such as charity fundraising.
- Raise any complaints about the school uniform using the schools complaints procedure.
- **Name all items of uniform** – the school accepts no liability for loss or reasonable wear and tear through curriculum activities. We recommend www.nametags.com for name labels.

Non-Compliance with the School Uniform Policy:

We expect all pupils to follow the dress code. The school will talk to children who are in breach of the Uniform Policy and remind them about what they should be wearing. Where breaches of the Uniform Policy are persistent, the class teacher will speak to the parents in the first instance or a note will be sent home. Continued refusal to follow the policy will result in a letter from the headteacher and/or a meeting where further challenge and support will be offered.

Racial Equality & Equal Opportunities:

All children have equal access to wearing school uniform regardless of their culture, race, religion, gender, disability or ability. The Governing body will respect variations to our school uniform if they are directly related to established religious or cultural traditions. However, any variation will be dealt with on an individual basis and judgements will remain at the discretion of the Head teacher and the Governing Body.