



School Uniform Policy

Autumn 2022

Introduction

It is Gotham Primary School's policy that all children attending our school wear school uniform during school hours or when participating in an event organised by school outside normal school hours.

We provide a complete list of the items needed for school uniform on the school website and below.

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 / Carers
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

School Uniform

Our school uniform list is below. Only two items need purchasing from our supplier – these are the jumper or cardigan and the tie in KS2. All other items of school uniform can be purchased from any supplier such as the major supermarket chains. The jumper, cardigan and tie can be purchased online from

Big Fish Schoolwear

www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk

Username: Gotham

Password: cuckoo

We regularly review our school uniform supplier to ensure value for money.

Our uniform is as follows:

Jumpers/Cardigans	GPS jumper /cardigan in navy with logo. These are available from the Big Fish site.
Trousers /Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey or Navy skirt, pinafore dress or trousers.• Skirts should not be too tight or too short.• No black trousers/skirts/pinafores.• Leggings are not part of our uniform.
Polo shirt /Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White polo shirts to be worn in FS2, year 1 and year 2• In year 2, children can wear a shirt and tie if they can independently do buttons.• In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, children are to wear a white shirt and clip-on GPS school tie. Ties are available from Big Fish.• The white shirt can be long or short sleeved according to preference.• Girls must wear a shirt and not a blouse.

Footwear, socks and tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoes should be smart and practical and black. • Winter boots should also be black. • In hot weather, sandals may be worn – black, blue, brown or white only. • Socks should be plain white, grey or black. • Winter tights should be grey or navy.
Summer Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gingham school dress or playsuit in navy or sky blue gingham. • Grey or Navy shorts. <p>Removal of ties during exceedingly hot weather will be at the discretion of the HT/DHT</p>
PE Kit	<p>Each child should have a PE kit of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy shorts, • A white t-shirt or polo shirt or a sky blue polo shirt. These do not need a logo but can if you choose. • A pair of sports shoes such as trainers or plimsolls. • A plain navy tracksuit will be needed in the winter months.

Jewellery

We do not allow children to wear jewellery in school on health and safety grounds.

The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears, a small watch and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury to either themselves or others. Watches must not be smart watches, they must be simple watches that purely tell the time or count steps. They must not have games, cameras or internet capacity.

Children should not wear nail varnish, artificial or gel nails or make up.

Inappropriate Hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have inappropriate hairstyles or haircuts that serve as a distraction to the child or to other children. This includes dyed or coloured hair, shaved stripes and patterns.

Long hair should be tied back. Hair bobbles should be plain.

Footwear

It is the aim of Gotham Primary School that our children to grow into healthy adults. We require all children to wear shoes as stated above.

We do not permit children to wear:

- Shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1.5 inches in height because we believe that these are dangerous
- Trainers to school because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or leisure but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform

Modifications to the School Uniform

If any parent/carer would like to modify the school uniform, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the Head Teacher.

Gotham Primary School welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are reasons, for example on religious grounds or because of an additional need, why parents/carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

If parents/carers are unable to comply with the School Uniform Policy for any reason, then let the class teacher or the school office know why and when it is anticipated that the child will be back in full school uniform.

Second-hand Uniform

The school keeps a small stock of second-hand uniform items. The school accepts and circulates donations. Please enquire with the school office for availability.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. Parents / Carers

We ask all parents/carers who send their children to Gotham Primary School to support the School Uniform Policy.

- We believe that parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school attendance
- We ask that parents/carers ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair
- We would NOT discriminate against a child or family having financial difficulties in providing school uniform (A School Uniform Grant may be available to Parents / Carers who qualify – contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0844 980 8080)

2. Governors

The Governing Body will:

- Support the Head Teacher in implementing the School Uniform Policy
- Consider, with the Head Teacher, all representations from parents/carers for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to wearing of the school uniform
- Liaise with the Head Teacher to ensure that the School Uniform Policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy meets all regulations with regard to equal opportunities
- Ensure that the School Uniform Policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical
- Ensure that the views of parents/carers are sought in order to ensure that they agree with and support the School Uniform Policy

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

At Gotham Primary School, we aim to ensure that no member of the school community experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination within the learning environment because of their age; any disability they may have; their ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their religion or beliefs.

We value the diversity of individuals within our school and do not discriminate against anyone because of 'differences'. We believe that all our children matter and we value their families too. We give our children every opportunity to achieve their best by taking account of our children's range of life experiences when devising and implementing school policies and procedures.

Policy Review

This policy will be regularly reviewed by the Governing Body and updated in line with Gotham Primary School's Policy Schedule.