



School Uniform at Great Sankey Primary School

We are very proud of our GSP uniform and it is often commented upon positively by others. All children wear a uniform to instil a sense of pride in their school and parents and carers are asked to support this request.

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 below.

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.

For ease, we also have developed a partnership with two local companies that enables online purchases as well as a shop purchase. Details can be found at <https://www.sg-embroidery.co.uk/great-sankey-primary> or at the **Touchline Shop Liverpool Road, Warrington, Cheshire.**

School ties can also be purchased directly from the School office.

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 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 strongly discouraged, although hair dyed in natural colours is acceptable – other colours are not permitted.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles, high heels or straps. We discourage children to wear such shoes in our school. We do not permit children to wear trainers to school; 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 all day. The wearing of trainers 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, this is part of our partnership agreement. 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 it 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 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.
- requiring the Headteacher to report to the governors on the way the school uniform policy is implemented.

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* Items that must be purchased specially are the tartan skirt jumper/cardigan and PE colour shirt if you require the school emblem and our school tie.

School Uniform
Grey school jumper / cardigan (with school logo optional*) White collared blouse/shirt Tartan school skirt* School tie* Plain white, grey or black socks or black, red or grey , woollen school tights Black flat soled or small flat healed school shoes Summer red/white gingham dresses
PE/Swimming
Plain red, green, yellow or blue school P.E t-shirt (depending on the child's house group) Plain black shorts or a plain black tracksuit / legging bottoms may be worn in colder weather Black pumps (indoor) Trainers (outdoor) A plain dark coloured track suit or hooded top may be worn for P.E on cold days. Track suits may be worn for outdoor PE on cold days

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

For Health and Safety reasons all earrings must be removed for PE

We recommend that children in Reception purchase the colour of their child's house group book bag and PE bag. They do not need an additional rucksack or stationary.

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 uniform is not being worn and a request for this to be rectified the following day will be sufficient.

However, in event of a child persistently not wearing uniform, without any agreement from the Head teacher, the Head teacher should write to 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 LA guidance.