

The Gates Primary School has a uniform which all children are encouraged to wear and be proud of. The Governors of the school believe that a school uniform is an important contributor to the overall success of the school and therefore expects that the school uniform will be worn by all children throughout the school.

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

All parents of Nursery and Reception children are invited to an induction event before their child starts school.

Why having a school uniform is important to The Gates Primary School?

- Promotes a sense of pride and belonging to the community of the school and supports positive behaviour;
- 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;
- it protects children from social pressures whatever their race, religion, gender or background;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- helps us to identify and supervise our children during out of school visits;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform:

Required Uniform:

Green jumper with or without printed logo.
White polo shirt with or without printed logo.
Black or grey trousers - tailored, not fashion or casual.
Black or grey knee length shorts - tailored, not fashion or casual.
Black, white or grey socks.
Black, sensible shoes (not trainers, boots or high heels).
Black or grey knee-length pinafore or knee-length skirt.

Optional Uniform:

In summer children may wear green gingham or striped summer dress

Our PE Kit is:

Required:

Black shorts, black track bottoms or long black leggings.
Please note the image for the correct type of PE shorts for both boys and girls - anything else is not permitted.



White t-shirt (polo or t-shirt)
Black plimsolls
Trainers (black or white)

Optional:

In colder weather, a plain black tracksuit should be available for outdoor PE.

On PE days:

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit with their regular school jumper/cardigan over the top.

Fleeces, Book Bags and P.E. Bags are also available.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. Children may wear a wristwatch but are responsible for looking after it.

We ask parents to only allow their children to have their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that ear-ring studs can be removed once back at school. Children who wear jewellery which cannot be removed will not be permitted to take part in PE activities.

Parents who wish their children to wear jewellery of religious significance should request to see the Headteacher to discuss the matter.

It is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Trainers are only part of the outdoor P.E. uniform. Children are allowed to change into trainers for playtimes and dinnertimes providing they are able to do so quickly and with no disruption to learning.

Long hair should be tied back and extreme hairstyles (including Mohicans, tram lines and other markings), is not permitted. Nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not permitted.

Hair accessories should be plain and not cause a distraction.

Accessibility to school uniform

The governing body recognises the need to ensure that the uniform is affordable and will ensure that parents or carers where necessary know about any local authority scheme that can provide school clothing grants or other help towards the costs of school clothing. At the end of each half term all parents are invited to have any lost property which is not claimed. The school has its own fund to support the most vulnerable families; these families should speak directly with the Headteacher if this is required. Uniforms can be ordered Via Contract Schoolwear our School supplier using the form located on the school website, or alternatively Andrew Leach on Lee Lane in Horwich (01204 697624) also supply our uniform. More items are widely available at local supermarkets.

The governing body recognises its obligations to accommodate reasonable religious requirements within the official school uniform and to ensure it is not discriminatory on the grounds of gender, race or religion,

Non-Adherence

If children do not meet the requirements of the uniform policy, the school will inform parents (via email, text or phone call).

The school will work with parents and carers to find acceptable solutions which will help pupils adhere to the uniform policy. Reminders will be included within newsletters and on the school website and ALL

parents sign the home/ school agreement which clearly states the school's commitment to our uniform policy and high standards.

Whilst the Headteacher may discipline pupils appropriately for non-adherence to the policy, for example in Key Stage 2 there can be a loss of privileges; exclusion from the school will not be deemed appropriate action.

The Role of Parents

The governing body requests all parents 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. By choosing The Gates as a school for their child, parents must adhere to the policies of the school

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

The Headteacher is responsible for the monitoring and review of this policy and makes decisions in line with school policy.